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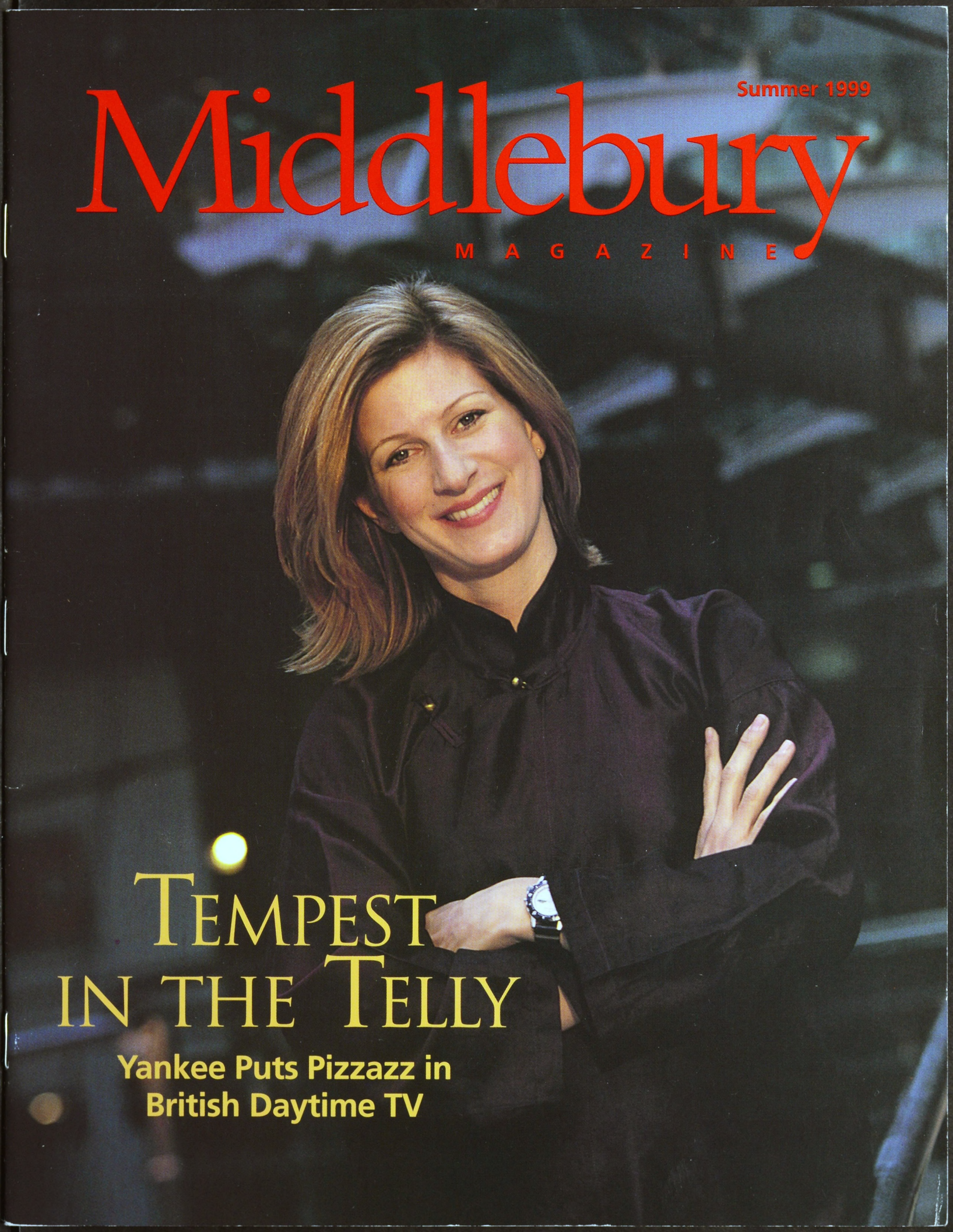

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VIEW FINDER

MIDDLEBURY ROCKS FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET

6 A.M. Hanging onto a paper coffee cup, I slog through hip-high wet grass heading for Steve Trombulak, mud sucking at my blue Wellies with each step. The professor of biology has invited me to join him and several of his students as they band birds this spring morning, and the net, which he's constructed by the water, has already snagged two catbirds, a thrush, and an exquisite little magnolia warbler. Trombulak removes them and, bird by bird, deposits each in a blue bag, one of which I loop around my neck. It flutters, like butterflies in the stomach, as I hike back to the banding table. Trombulak, with his neatly trimmed graying beard, seems to be about one haircut away from the pony-tailed hippie he used to be, which endears him to not only this aging hipster, but also to his students, who pass up precious hours of sleep to see the sun rise in his company. One round of banding complete, the question arises, Go back for coffee and breakfast, or more banding? This novice succumbs to the call of caffeine, but no question, really, for Trombulak. "All right, let's rock and roll," he says to fire up his flagging students, and as redwing blackbirds rattle melodiously from the cattails, they head back out to the nets.

7 P.M. I need several high-test colas to catch up to WRMC's two hip-hop disk jockeys, who take about 60 seconds to reach the speed of sound, verbally. Ben Maldonado '01, whose radio name is Battlecat, and his partner in musical mayhem, Ben Weber '02, otherwise known as DJ Hektik, are the creators of "The Thursday Night Cypher," and tonight they are spinning some vinyl and razzing each other and station manager Quinn Raymond in a dazzling display of hip-hop shenanigans. I feel momentarily heartened when I notice that actual records are being played, but then I gawk at *how* they are being played: by hand—the deejays grinding out music, spinning the disks backward and forward, two records at a time. They adjust speeds so the rhythm is in synch on both disks and then add embellishments of their own. Miraculously, it sounds great. In the lobby (fully funkadelic with colored 45s glued all over purple walls) they discuss upcoming summer plans: Raymond describes how he got his summer internship at MTV ("not exactly a connection, more like breaking and entering"); Weber gloats over his second summer at Hot 97, the coolest station in New York and possibly in the universe. Perhaps the luckiest of all, mellow Maldonado is sticking around to study Chinese at the Language Schools. With the hip-hop blasting, and the rhetoric blowing full-tilt, I pray Proctor is still open and dispensing caffeinated liquids. How else can this old rocker stay awake long enough to get in the groove? ■ *RM*

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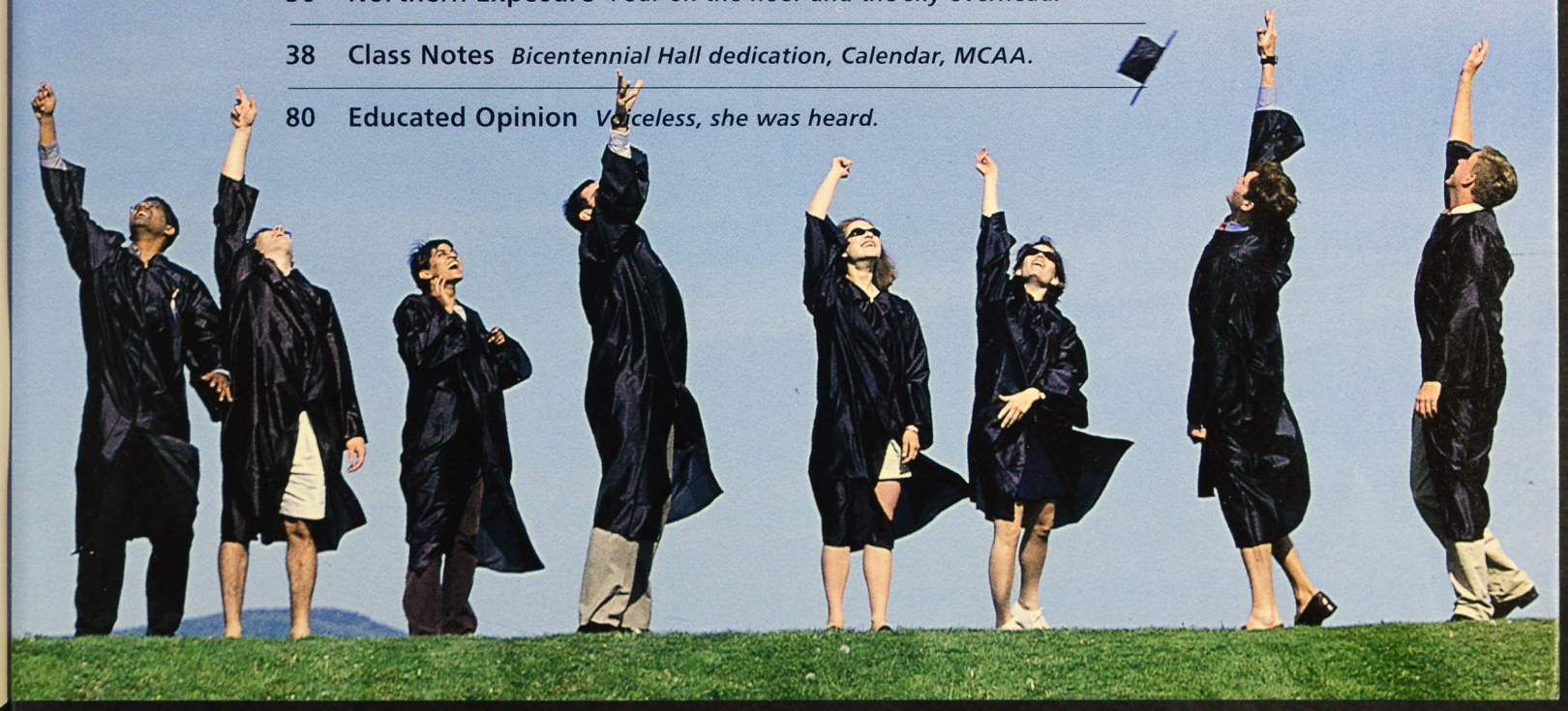

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What's Love Got to Do with It? Everything.

Editing Paul Cody's letter ("Queer Life Edited? pp. 3, 4 Spring '99) to the editor harbors a notion that "lover" denotes "a sexual relationship" in such a carnal sense as to cancel the general understanding that "sexual relation" can lead to a loving relation. Why would anybody convince herself that sex can have nothing to do with love, or love can have nothing too with sex? Note the first definition in *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary:* "lover, n. One who loves."
Lyle Glazier, MIDDGALA '33
Bennington, VT

Editing Words *Does* Edit Ideas

I was amazed by your response to Paul Cody's letter in the Spring 1999 issue: "We don't edit lifestyles, we edit words." It doesn't take a Middlebury education to realize that editing words edits ideas. By your rationale, you could "edit" the terms "gay," "lesbian," "same-sex," and "homosexual" and still claim that you are editing nothing more than words. The claim that you are not editing lifestyles also rings hollow. If you were only concerned with "words," you could have contacted Mr. Cody to ask him how he wished to portray his lifestyle without using the offending term. Taking the response at face value, however, why delete words that you think denote a sexual relationship? You say that you "welcome all news from all alumni, all of the time," but that welcome evidently excludes news that "denotes a sexual relationship." I had thought that the only purpose of classnotes was to enable graduates to share news with their classmates. If a person cannot use class notes to share news of a sexual relationship, you apparently do edit class notes to delete some messages and to convey a certain image. Are other types of news similarly off limits? Do you allow graduates to use class notes to share news of illness, bankruptcy or divorce, or do you also deem such topics unsuitable? Finally, who is the "we" that edits? Is the College administration aware of, or part of, the editing?
Barbara Kritchevsky '77
via the Internet

"Lover" and "Partner" Only Words Available

Like Paul Cody, I am distressed at your decision to edit out the word "lover" from his recent Class Note ("Queer Life Edited?"). But I am more distressed at your published justification, which is at best ignorant, and at worst, disingenuous. In 1999, the only words available to denote an individual in a committed gay relationship are "lover" and "partner" (spouse, husband, and wife, imply a legal marriage, which is not generally recognized). Are you instructing us, then, to use only the word, "partner" when indicating someone in a committed gay relationship? Or will you also edit that word out because it denotes a business relationship?
David Lally '78
Simsbury, CT

What's Wrong with Love?

I am saddened, but not surprised to see that the terms "lover" and "co-parent" were edited out of Paul Cody's class note. I'm sure the editor is sincere in her claim that the omission is due to a policy that edits words, not lifestyles. The problem is that the law, the culture, and the language conspire to make our queer relationships illegal, invisible, or obscene. Because we can't get married (though that may change in Vermont by the time this edition makes print), we can't have husbands, wives, or spouses. But who says those everyday terms don't have equally sexual connotations? The opposition to same-sex marriage in Vermont based its argument on the principle that marriage is meant for procreation. But most straight people procreate by having sex; maybe the magazine should omit all these terms as well? And children listed certainly imply a sexual relationship; maybe we shouldn't mention them either?

Queer people think long and hard about choosing terms for those we love because we have to. The magazine should honor that choice. And what's wrong with love, for God's sake? I've always found "partner" rather sterile: we're not in business, after all. Isn't it ironic that the straight world thinks we are obsessed with sex and incapable of love, but won't even allow us to use the word "lover"?

And yes, Mr. Cody, we can do better. No doubt Mr. Beck '52 will be appalled to learn that we have MiddGALA weekends as well as alumni of color weekends. Far from promoting divisiveness, such events serve to bring minority alums who had written off Middlebury back into the fold. Many queer alums feel alienated both from their experience at Middlebury and from their reunion classes, particularly if they are from early years. What do you suppose made them feel that way? They are often thrilled to learn that they do have a place in our community.

Kevin Moss
Russian Department

A Devoted Companion by Any Other Name...
TONI, WHAT DO YOU CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE?
MY LITTLE STUDMUFFIN.
NO, REALLY, DO YOU SAY I'M YOUR LOVER, OR WHAT?
I DUNNO. IT DEPENDS WHO I'M TALKING TO.
SIGNIFICANT OTHER, OLD LADY, CO-CONSPIRATOR. IF I FEEL LIKE FREAKING SOMEONE OUT, I CALL YOU MY WIFE.
TONI, I'M SERIOUS! I THINK WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THIS! THERE'S NO WORD THAT DESCRIBES WHO WE ARE TO EACH OTHER. IT'S A WAY THE POWERS THAT BE PRETEND WE DON'T EXIST. TAKE 'LOVER,' FOR EXAMPLE. THAT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE OUR RELATIONSHIP IS PURELY SEXUAL.
YEAH, SO?
I KNOW YOUR MIND ONLY HAS ONE TRACK, BABE, BUT TRY AND CONCENTRATE. THIS IS IMPORTANT.
OKAY, OKAY, WHAT ABOUT PARTNER?
I HATE THAT! IT SOUNDS LIKE WE SELL REAL ESTATE TOGETHER!
MATE?
OH, RIGHT! LIKE A COUPLE OF WHOOPING CRANES.
HOW ABOUT LIFE MATE, THEN?
SOUNDS LIKE A BRAND NAME FOR A PACEMAKER?
HEARTMATE? SOULMATE? LIFE PARTNER? CONSORT? THEY ALL SOUND AWKWARD! I STILL LIKE LOVER BEST. LET'S RECLAIM THE WORD! AFTER ALL, LOVE DOESN'T EQUAL SEX.

Cartoon: *"A Devoted Companion By Any Other Name" from* The Indelible Alison Bechdel: Confessions, Comix, and Miscellaneous Dykes to Watch Out For, *Firebrand Books, Ithaca, NY.*

Lame Excuse

While reading your recent edition, I couldn't help but be dumbfounded by your prissy reply to Paul Cody '78. Welcome to the 1990s (not to mention '60s, '70s, and '80s)! "Lover" is a term that has been used in the gay community to describe one's 'partner' for as long as I've been a member of that community (I can't remember when I signed up). More annoying than your staff's difficulty with the term, is the manner in which it is handled. You ignore it! How learned! Just who "thought" that one up? Not a very difficult decision, if your desire is to casually dismiss the man's relationship—just don't mention it at all. There are plenty of words that might offend you or your readers—do the ideas and/or people that they represent then lose significance as well? Perhaps you and your staff could put a bit more thought into how you handle such issues. Do you actually believe that someone would write to their alumni magazine with information related to their current sexual pairing? If such uncertainty truly exists, then confirm the information to your satisfaction. But really, make a change in your process—your explanation as printed is nothing more than a lame excuse for a backward, discriminatory effort.

Mike MacVeigh '81
via the Internet

Spy Life Edited

I had some time ago decided not to pursue this matter, but the letter in the Spring 1999 issue from Paul Cody '78 ("Queer Life Edited")

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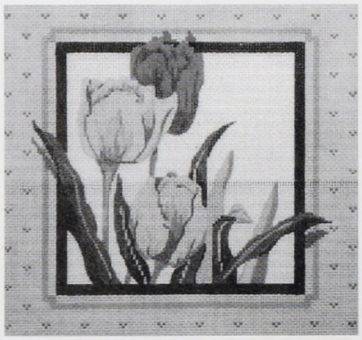

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prompts me to write. Our situations seem strangely familiar. Shortly after my retirement in 1995, I responded to a call from my class secretary with information about myself, including the fact that I was recently retired from a 34-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency. As I had been under cover previously, this marked the first time I was able to be honest ("come out") with Midd; until then I had simply been silent. It was with some disappointment that, with passing issues of the magazine, I did not see my submission, or any edited version of it, appear. In your reply to Cody's letter, you claim the right to edit words. Arguably arbitrary, but fair enough nonetheless. I wonder which of the words in the Central Intelligence Agency you find objectionable or, had I had a career with the Peace Corps, if that fact would have easily found its way into print. I believe I know the answers and consider that they are not worth pursuing. The fact is that I believe I served our country with honor and with some distinction and am certainly proud to have done so.

John F. Lee, '60
Vienna, VA

Bad Boy Image Misrepresents a Scholar's Vocation

Concerning the magazine's homage I should like to offer some comments on your recent cover article about Professor David Stoll. It was done, I think, in poor taste and does little to clarify the controversy that has arisen around Stoll's book. First, "Incorrigibly Incorrect" is hardly an attribute that one should want to apply to a scholar. Scholarship is nothing if it is not corrigible. It is a continuing process of inquiry and correction whose goal is truth. Fidelity to the truth may on occasion lead a scholar to an unpopular conclusion, one that is, in current jargon, politically incorrect. Yet it would be presumptuous to

claim incorrigibility for it. In an imperfect world like ours only the arrogant claim incorrigibility for their opinions and postures. From what I have been able to make out through the veil of journalese that you and others have woven around him, 'corrigibly correct' more accurately describes Professor Stoll's attitude. This description, I'm sure you will agree, also has the benefit of accentuating the positive.

More importantly, you fail to explain the nature and purpose of Professor Stoll's undertaking. *I Rigoberta Menchu* is a "testimonia," that is, a fictionalized autobiography whose purpose is to persuade or to win converts. This genre belongs to an old and well established tradition. Perhaps the most famous example of it is St. Augustine's *Confessions*. To bring to light the element of fiction in such works is just what a scholar is supposed to do. This is only the beginning, however. The scholar is obliged to seek to understand the circumstances and motivation that generate such works, the sources of their power to persuade, and the reasons why, when it concerns religion or political ideology, factual truth counts for so little. These are nearly perennial issues and they are of the greatest importance for they relate to conditions that are broad and deeply pervasive in human life. Professor Stoll has raised them anew and thereby given us all an opportunity to review them.

Instead of seizing this opportunity, you have chosen the more opportunistic and newsworthy theme of the so-called culture wars as a background against which to view his work. It should be pointed out that Professor Stoll is hardly a casualty of these wars. His book has been published and has been widely and fairly reviewed in scholarly journals. In your attempt to make him out as a sort of idol breaker, dragon slayer,

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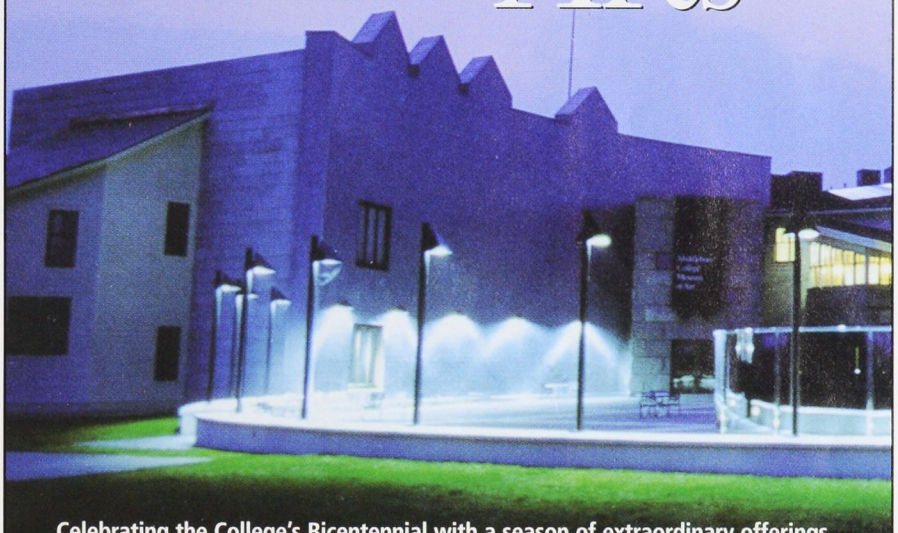

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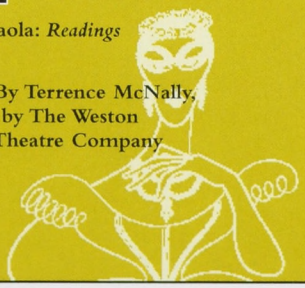

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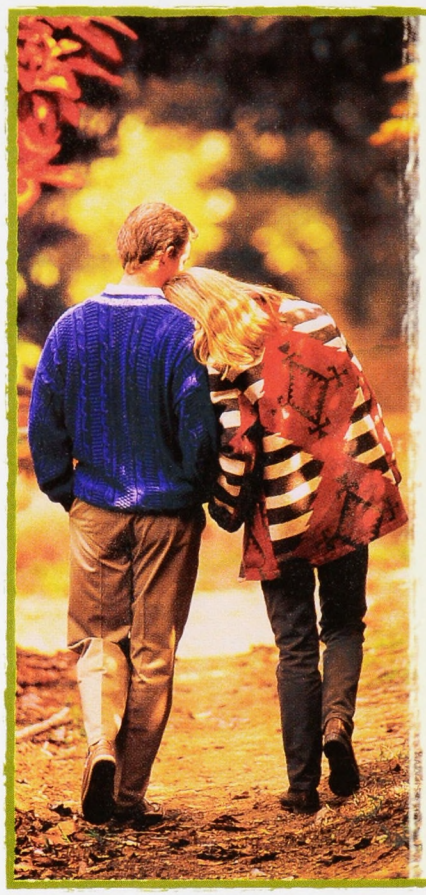

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"badboy," or "pariah," you've created a fiction that unfairly misrepresents his scholarship and a scholar's vocation. You should understand that the wars that ought to concern all of us are not these fictional culture wars, but wars of aggression waged by over-militarized regimes against their own people. The brutality of these wars and their injustice are woeful facts that remain, whatever Professor Stoll's conclusions about Rigoberta Menchu.
Victor Nuovo, Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Emeritus

Just the Facts, Please

First I would like to compliment David Stoll's resolve in seeking and pointing out the truth. About the tide which has rolled against Dr. Stoll, I have to say that it is totally in character for Liberalism, which is and has been for decades a dogmatic and sterile state of mind that lives in its own world. Margaret Mead's response when confronted with the facts about her lack of fieldwork (as indicated in her own notes) and her fundamentally inaccurate depictions of social activity in Samoa, by people who had in fact done fieldwork, is most instructive here. Asked how she could have described a lifestyle that didn't exist, she snapped "Well, that's the way it should have been." Her modern day equivalent may be Marjorie Agosin, head of the Spanish Department at Wellesley College, in response to Stoll's writings: "Whether her book is true or not, I don't care. We should teach our students about the brutality of the Guatemalen military and the U.S. financing of it." So we should teach what fits the teacher's ideology, what the teacher wishes were true, without regard to fact. Is it any wonder how the Stalins, Hitlers, Pol Pots, Castros and their ilk gain and maintain power? They are alike in that single key element: the world is what I tell you it is, and if you don't agree I have, figuratively or

literally, a bullet, a prison, a media campaign for you that will shut you up. I hope Middlebury as a community will join with David Stoll in discussing issues openly with an emphasis on facts and reality. This did not happen at Middlebury during the Vietnam era (I was there). The Middlebury administration opted out of balancing the dialog and handed off to REAP, who enforced the correct viewpoint, that the war should end and so would the killing. In light of the millions of Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians who perished when we "gave peace a chance" without the slightest whimper from the "peace" movement, this whole chapter was a major, disgusting disservice to the students, our country and those who died in and to prevent this Asian Holocaust. As you may divine, I am still angry and disgusted after 26 years. The path to avoiding mistakes like Vietnam is not in isolationism or pacificism at any cost, but with academics like David Stoll and focusing on the facts. Passion and ignorance are a bad mix and substituting emotion for intellect invariably has poor results. At least that is what the facts show.

George H. Schirtzinger '73
Dallas, TX

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Seeds of Peace Sown This Day

"The most powerful story we have to tell is our own," said Commencement speaker John Wallach.

The sun came up on May 23, 1999, reminding Middlebury's graduating class that all good things must come to an end. They came to the Commencement ceremony with a bittersweet glaze in their eyes. "Can it really be?" they seemed to say, incredulous, unable to really comprehend the fact that it had come at last. Graduation day, designed to cap off four years of Middlebury College existence, was flitting past, as ephemeral as the bubbles floating overhead (recently escaped from a soap wand being waved over the crowd).

As the faculty began its processional, a professor blew a kiss to one of her students, thankful graduates waved to their mentors, and others, like seniors Tim Ireland and John Kearns, stood by and discussed the magnitude of their "no-sleep vibe," and the fact that Tim felt like "a burning hot coal" before the ceremony had even begun. By the time the processional was over (fittingly ending with a selection from Gustav Holst's *The Planets)*, all of the graduates looked as though they were beginning to wilt, but their smiles withstood fatigue. Friends and family stood by with lemonade, water, and cameras. Welcome to Commencement 1999.

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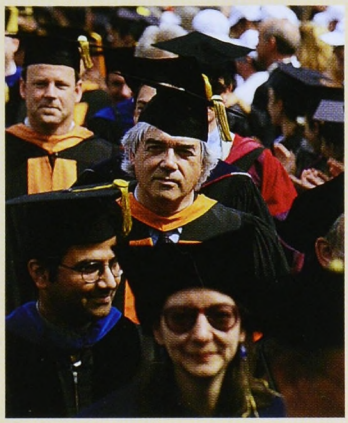


The graduates took their places and the audience settled as the Chaplain, Reverend Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79, gave the invocation. Honorary degrees were then presented to Darby Bradley, a pioneer in the field of environmental law and policy in Vermont; Eva Brann, a scholar well known for her ardent devotion to liberal arts education; James Davis '66, the chief executive officer of New Balance athletic shoe company; Antonia Ax:son Johnson, chairman of the board of The Axel Johnson Group, Inc., and a key supporter of Middlebury's Program in International Studies; Milton Peterson '58, a major figure in real estate and banking development; Donald T. Regan, a businessman and former White House chief of staff; John Wallach '64, an expert on the Middle East and founder of the Seeds of Peace organization; and Bill Withers, singer and writer of songs such as "Just the Two of Us" and "Lean on Me." Mr. Withers's son, Todd, was a 1999 graduate.

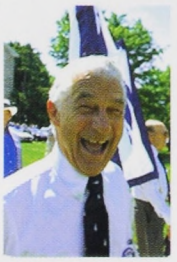
Commencement speaker John Wallach urged the Class of 1999 to invest in peace rather than in conflict. "The most powerful story we have to tell is our own," he said, and told a riveting autobiographical tale, comparing himself to King Lear, being forced by tragedy to open his eyes to the reality of his own life and the lives of others. Wallach runs a camp in Maine called Seeds of Peace, where children of war can come to meet each other, gain understanding of others, and prevent future conflicts from occurring.

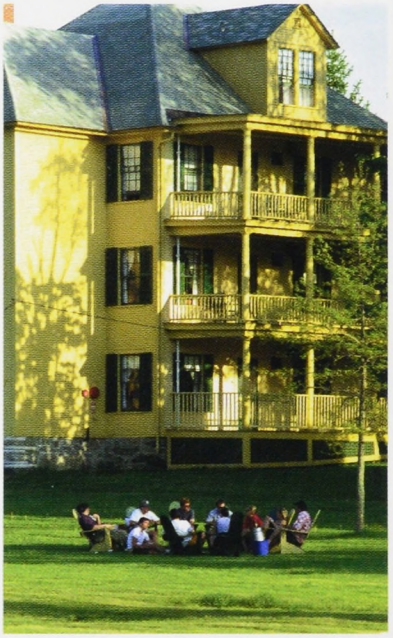
Wallach was followed by President John M. McCardell, Jr., who officially conferred the degrees to each member of the senior class. Receiving special honors were Valedictorian Stefan Andreev Miltchev and Salutatorian Dimitrios Themistokleous Dentsoras, along with Kang Yue, who earned *Summa Cum Laude* honors; *Magna Cum Laude* honors went to Aaron Coburn, Rebecca Collins, Grace Culley, Kimberly Golding, Jan Groblewski, Neill Hunt, Lisa Janicki, John Mauro, Carol McMurrich, Ashley Palmer, Megan Sowards, and Travis Zadeh. Thirteen students received *Cum Laude* honors and 58 were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Weeks prior to graduation, the Class of 1999 found itself divided on the issue of the class gift, and so it bestowed two: one gift went toward the funding of the bicentennial tree grove, and the other, called The Gift of Life by its organizers, went toward aid for Kosovar refugees in Yugoslavia. The announcement of the Gift of Life brought loud cheers from the class, which would only grow louder when moments later President McCardell officially conferred upon the Class of 1999 the privilege and honor of a bachelor of liberal arts degree from Middlebury College.

Hats flew skyward. The recessional led the graduates onto Battell Beach for the grand postceremony collision of family, friends, pets, and more camera madness. By one o'clock, all was over. The sun, having done its work of the day, set that evening on another class of amazing individuals, known at last as Middlebury College graduates. *CP* ■

Reunion '99





"We just met today—it's the nicest part about reunion."

Al Alesi and his big band are sending dancers whirling around McCullough, while next door at the Grille, Merrily Robinson Holland '64 and Tom Winter '64 sip coffee and remember a different dance. During finals week in the spring of '62, torrential rains wiped out the power and turned the campus to mud. "Everyone took trays from Proctor and slid down the hill from the chapel," Merrily recalls. "Then we hooked up to a generator in Starr so we could play music and had a dance in the rain all along the road in front of Old Chapel." Tom nods and they share a knowing smile. Old friends? "We just met today," says Tom unexpectedly. "It's the nicest part about reunion—you meet people you never knew before!" *CP* ■

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NEWSMAKERS

Plays by two Middlebury students have been selected from among nearly 2,000 scripts and are in contention for the Heideman Award from the Actors Theatre of Louisville. *50-Minute Hour*, by **Lenna Cumberbatch-Nichols '00** (left) and *Frostbite* by **Erin Carr '00** were written for Dana Yeaton's fall playwriting class. The winner will be produced as part of the Humana New Play Festival, the premier event for new plays in America. *50-Minute Hour* was also one of the five winners in the 1999 Playwriting Contest for Region 1 sponsored by the Kennedy Center and American College Theatre Festival.

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Khalid Quadir '90 and **Josh Mailman '76** are working on a project to give the poor in Bangladesh's 68,000 villages something they've never had before: a telephone. In partnership with the Grameen Bank, this project supplies one cell phone to one woman in each village—she in turn provides phone service to her entire village. For many it's the first time they're able to reach beyond their village to the outside world.

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Elizabeth Dole's presidential campaign will be in good hands now that **Ari Fleischer '82** has been named her national spokesman. He has recently been the spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee.

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The girls in Brownie Troop #656 proudly show off their sashes full of patches. Their troop leaders are two fun-loving, cheerful Middlebury students, who have provided leadership to a dozen or more young girls since they founded the troop their freshman year in 1996. **Elly Brown '99** brought teaching know-how to the troop (next year she'll attend Harvard School of Education), and **Kate Stone '99** brought the experience of a "career girl scout." Both women received 1999 Public Service Leadership Awards for their work with the Brownies at the annual event, which is sponsored by **Patrick J. Durkin '79**, senior vice president, Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette, Inc.

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An unprecedented five out of seven seniors nominated for Fulbright Fellowships have received them in the annual competition for one of academe's most prestigious awards, which funds one year of study and research abroad. Recipients this year were **Julie Crosby**, who will study literacy issues, oral literature, and other aspects of literature in Ghana; **David Grass**, who will study lichens as biological indicators or atmospheric pollution in Chile; **Erich Osterberg**, who will research underwater chimneys and canyons off the eastern coast of New Zealand; **Ashley Palmer**, who will study the rural health care system in Japan; and **Kate Stone**, who will do an oral history project about survivors of World War II in Japan.

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When she leaves her post as ambassador to Switzerland, **Madeleine Kunin**, the former governor of Vermont, will come to Middlebury. She's been named the Bicentennial Fellow-in-Residence, and for two years will advise students, guest lecture, collaborate with faculty, and facilitate internships in environmental and international areas.

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Endostatin, an experimental cancer drug that wiped out tumors in mice, is to be tested on patients for the first time later this year in Boston. The drug, discovered by **Michael O'Reilly '85**, works by destroying the blood vessels in tumors and has raised the hopes of cancer patients and the medical community. O'Reilly is a physician at Boston Children's Hospital and works with Dr. Judah Folkman, a researcher at Harvard University. ■

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ACADEMIC MATTERS

A Bird in the Hand

Trombulak has been netting birds at this site for 14 years, and he takes the squawks from these temporary captives in stride.

By Rachel Morton

Buffy Hastings and Kate LaRiche, both seniors, rode their mountain bikes to a wild patch of swampland near the Otter Creek around 6 A.M. one wet and cool May morning. Despite the impending arrival of their parents for graduation and the fact that both participated in a "pub crawl" the night before, these students in Professor Steve Trombulak's vertebrate natural history class (Bio 302) are here to do what they did all last term—band birds.

Several blue cotton bags hang from a cord strung between trees at the edge of a meadow. Though there is no wind, the bags flutter from time to time, and from inside one comes an irritated squawk. Nearby, Trombulak, who has set up his usual table of books and assorted hardware, responds with an amused, "Yeah, yeah, yeah."

Chairman of the biology department and director of Middlebury's environmental studies program, Trombulak has been netting and studying birds at this site for 14 years, and he takes the squawks from these temporary captives in stride. His attitude might well be summarized by some words of wisdom on his Web site on a page entitled, Everything I need to know I learned in *The Lord of the Rings*: "No matter who you think you are and what your destiny may be, be prepared for surprises." These birds were clearly in for a surprise this morning when they got snagged in a net as they made their morning rounds. And Trombulak himself was probably nearly as surprised when, as a suburban junior high

Photograph by Bob Handelman

school student, he was snagged by science during a trip to the tide pools.

"I had an 8th grade teacher, Peter Kimball, who was absolutely brilliant at firing up young minds about nature and natural history. That class was so formative for me that I knew then this was what I wanted to do." He then slogged through many years of "bad science classes" until he got to UCLA, where he immediately majored in biology. Then came a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Washington, and then, through Stanford University, research in the Sierra Nevada Mountains—"territory that is deep inside me." He has been in the woods ever since.

And that brings up another nugget from *The Lord of the Rings*: "Always carry a bit of rope," which has probably been very useful advice over the years for this scientist whose time in the classroom is equaled by his time in the field. Though he's a prolific writer (his newest book, *The Story of Vermont: A Natural and Cultural History*, written with Chris McGrory Klyze, was just released in May), there's a large physical component to his work. "I'm probably the only professor who prepares for fall classes by doing yard work," he laughs, indicating the 200-yard swath through the woods he is responsible for clearing so that his net continues to be an effective bird trap.

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Over the years Trombulak and his students have banded almost 60 species of birds in this area; they have also inventoried mammals (students in vertebrate natural history catch and ear-tag deer mice, white footed mice, red backed voles, and shrews), amphibians, and reptiles. Trombulak is currently studying the winter ecology and conservation of bats in Vermont and makes frequent visits to the few bat hibernacula in the region. One of the benefits for students taking the course is that they learn how to handle and catch birds and animals—a skill useful for those entering field biology as a profession. It can be tricky. Birds, even the small ones that they catch in this fine mesh, can peck and claw when frightened, and most are not as amiable as the little magnolia warbler currently being extricated from its blue bag.

Cradled in Trombulak's hand, the bird looks curiously peaceful. Students consult a reference book and, judging by the bird's coloration and size, they decide it's a male, at least two years old. Then carefully, with a pair of banding pliers, one student attaches a metal band around the bird's twiglike leg, and this bird is now, officially, number 2100-20127. The data they collect will, once it is analyzed and recorded, be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where it will be part of a continent-wide database of information. And if this bird is ever caught again—living or dead—that information will be added to the file, which contributes to the overall knowledge about movement patterns of birds, their longevity in the field, site fidelity, and population densities.

One of Trombulak's former students, David Skelly '87, now an assistant professor of ecology at Yale, remembers these field studies as crystalizing for him the future direction of his career. "I took vertebrate field biology and I was hooked. I fell in love with being outside and learning about the natural world by being immersed in it. And Steve was a wonderful role model—young, dynamic, incredibly involved. He, more than anyone else, taught me how to observe nature." Skelly spent the summers of 1986 and 1987 with Trombulak on a study of ground squirrels in the mountains of California, and every summer since then he has spent outdoors doing fieldwork.

Though this fieldwork focuses on gathering bits of objective data, there is a strong element of what Trombulak calls "nature-based spirituality" in how he approaches his work. It began for him in the Sierra Nevadas of his youth and continues today along the Otter Creek, where the catbird he has just released has flown into a nearby tree, seemingly undisturbed by its close encounters of the human kind.

Now as Trombulak returns along the well-worn path in the long grass for a last pass at the netting, another of "Trombulak's Rules to Live By" comes to mind (again, Tolkien): "All Power lies with the Earth, be it a garden or a volcano." Or a muddy path along Otter Creek. ■

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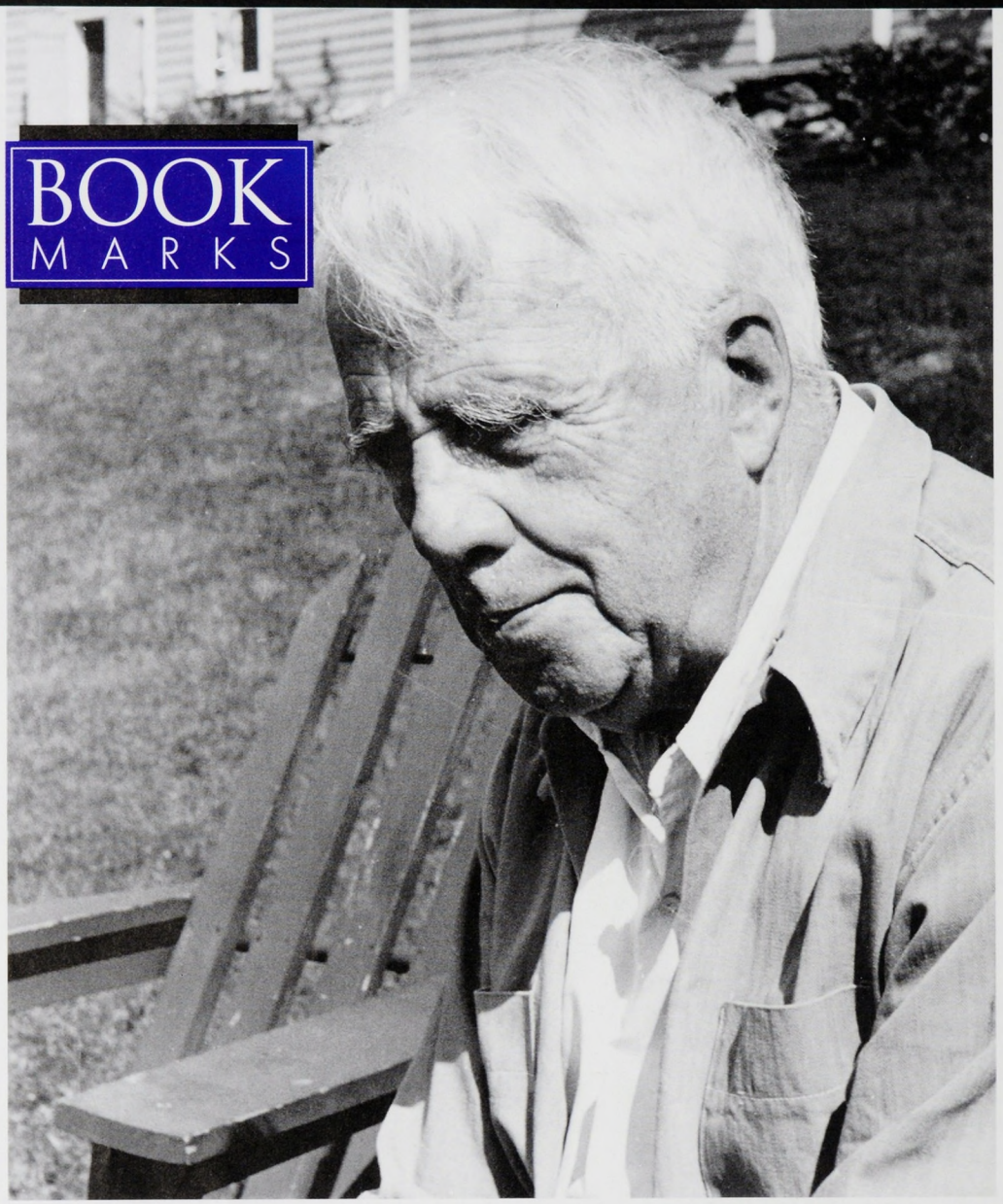

A Kinder, Gentler Frost

Parini puts into perspective the magnitude of what Frost as a father had to deal with.

By Robert Hill

Years ago Dorothy Parker reputedly quipped, in response to a question from publisher William Randolph Hearst about why her stories always had to be so gloomy, "There are three billion people on the face of this earth, and not one of them will have a happy ending." Frost, just before entering the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in December of 1962, told an interviewer: "I don't take life very seriously. It's hard to get into this world and hard to get out of it. And what's in between doesn't make much sense." How and why "what's in between" does make some sense informs the substance of Jay Parini's *Robert Frost: A Life* (William Heinemann, London, 1998). As he courageously states in his own Afterword, "The reader must, in fact, wonder why another biography of Frost is necessary." His book rhetorically answers the question, as, one assumes, Parini hoped it would.

Life *is* tough—perhaps even at its best "a game played for mortal stakes." Of Frost's five children, Marjorie died of puerperal fever after giving birth to her first child; Irma was eventually, after horrendous episodes, placed in a mental hospital; then Lesley, upon whom Frost had lavished attention, would viciously turn against him when most vulnerable, heartlessly blaming him for her mother's death. Two years later, despite Frost's unceasing attention, his son, Carol, would commit suicide, unarguably the single worst event which can befall any parent. As Parini relates: "In his notebook, Frost wrote, 'Nature is chaos,' and now he had to find a way out of the chaos." Wrestling with the past: "I took the wrong way with [Carol]. I tried many ways and every single one of them was wrong. Some thing in me is still asking for the chance to try once more." Heartache lies there.

But tragedy had struck the Frost family early and struck hard. Their first-born son, Elliott, died at four. When the family doctor was finally reached, "With harsh reproach, he turned from the bed, faced the parents, and said, 'This

is cholera infantum. It's too late, now, for me to do anything. The child will be dead before morning.' " Frost and Elinor never fully recovered from the blow; Elinor's subsequent pronouncement, "But the world's evil," eventually found its way into the poem, "Home Burial"—a reason why Frost would *never* recite this poem. How long, one wonders, did the parents have to agonize needlessly over their role in the death of their child, for in 1900 the disease was virtually 100 percent fatal. The good doctor had provoked an interior chaos of all but unmanageable proportions. Not the least of Parini's achievements is to put into balanced perspective the magnitude of what Frost as a father had to deal with privately throughout his life.

Little of this side of Frost was evident in Lawrance Thompson's three-volume (1966-76) "authorized biography," with its frequent, maliciously slanted projections of Frost as an egotistical, self-serving, morally corrupt monster.

Taking his cue from Thompson, critic Harold Brodkey (in the *New York Times* book review, August 29, 1982), wrote:

> Robert Frost was esthetically illiterate, conceited, ruthlessly on the make. ...He was of a demonic vileness—I thought it showed in his face—a man devoid of moral judgment, as in his work, which consists mostly of morally blind statements, sly manipulations and shopkeepers' calendar apothegms. . . I despise Frost's work, and so I list him as vile.

Back in 1977, Poirier, and then Pritchard in 1984, more directly focused on Frost's life and offered much needed correctives to Thompson. Parini's *A Life* effectively finishes the job Pritchard initiated and thus earns its place as integral to this trilogy of the best, enduring recent books on Frost.

Parini rightly focuses on Frost's devotion to his children—reading to them; taking them on long, unscheduled "botanizing" walks; educating them in astronomy: "The record of family life as seen in Lesley's journal stands in ferocious contrast to some later portrayals of those years," Parini writes, not to mention subsequent years of coterminous family tragedies. Parini buries once and for all the spurious gun episode: "The idea he would threaten Elinor with a gun is absurd." Or, "By any standards, Frost's dedication to his wife and family were extraordinary." Again, "That he had been a devoted father cannot be questioned: the children had grown up with him in the house as a vivid, consistent presence." Or elsewhere, "With regard to

Frost with his dog, Gillie, and his horses at the Homer Noble Farm in Ripton, Vermont.

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Elinor, he was positively uxorious." These remarks certainly do not place Parini's book back among the early hagiographies (Sidney Cox, Elizabeth Sergeant, Gorham Munson, *et al.*). For one thing, in his all but flawlessly researched accounts, Parini has facts unavailable to Poirier and Pritchard. And that is one powerful argument for why this book is a signal and timely presence.

Another major distinguishing feature of *A Life* is the analysis of the poetry. Parini's book is laced through with crisp, original readings, often on some of the best-known poems, elsewhere on those rarely noticed, such as "Kitty Hawk." As Parini moves chronologically through the publications of Frost's poetry, he boldly lists which poems he considers "immortal" and does so with unvarying taste, grace, and accuracy; he is likewise unafraid to name those he deems of lesser account. Among the former, his reading of "Spring Pools" is definitively an original contribution. Of "Tree at My Window," he is the first to note the relevance of "Schelling's idea of parallelism between the mental world and the physical world." Alien to most of my experience with critical biographies, I wish Parini had given us *more* in depth, critical interpretation of the poetry. For one example, Parini (and he is not alone) fails to observe what is perhaps the central point in "West-Running Brook"—that Fred's young wife is trying unsuccessfully to tell him they are having their first child. But this is merely a quibble.

Of Frost's "The Ax-Helve," Parini writes: "The Canadian woodsman in the poem, Baptiste, becomes distraught when he sees that the narrator is chopping wood with a bad ax...that night, at Baptiste's home, the process of carving becomes an ingenious metaphor for the act of poetic composition." Again, an original insight, which contributes to one of the finer sentences in the book: "For Frost personally, each poem was a victory over depression, anxiety, fear, and sloth." Or, in Frost's famous phrase, "a momentary stay against confusion," clarification amidst chaos.

What Parini may not know (and few do) is that when Frost died he was found holding an Inuit carving of an owl's head, which "Doc" Cook had brought down to the Boston hospital for what he knew would be his last visit. Maybe stroking that work of art gave Frost some comfort facing the greatest anxiety and fear we all must share. Parini says his book was a labor of love. It is. And it's hardly the worse off for being so. ■

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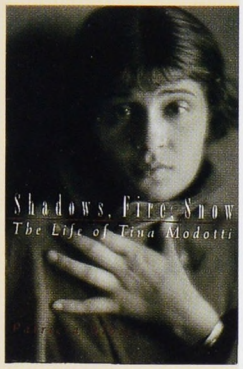
ALSO NOTED

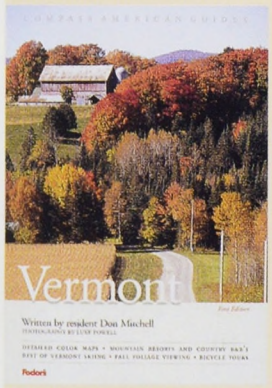
Politics, Photography, and Love

After years of investigating the mysterious life of photographer Tina Modotti, Patricia Albers '72 (M.A. French) came across two trunks filled with Modotti's possessions through a distant relative of Modotti's one-time lover. The contents of that trunk inform *Shadows, Fire, Snow: The Life of Tina Modotti*, the first biography of an artist whom art historians have called, "the best-known unknown photographer of the 20th century." Modotti was famous for her photography, her lover (photographer Edward Weston), and her politics, and in her remarkable life she went from being an impoverished Italian immigrant to a minor Hollywood star, to a political revolutionary. She died, allegedly poisoned by one of Stalin's henchmen.



Vermont for the Discerning Visitor

Always welcome is a new, useful guide to Vermont. This one has the added benefit of being written by Don Mitchell, a lecturer in the English Department, and photographed by Luke Powell, who has provided the College with some of its most memorable images.



Vermont, a Fodor's Compass American Guide is an attractive, compact compendium of Vermont history, geography, and interesting travel information. It includes maps, essays, and literary extracts (Rudyard Kipling writing about the shock of 30 below temperatures in Brattleboro or Samuel de Champlain on the lake that bears his name). Mitchell's editorial hand and Powell's splendid photography elevate this book above the run of the mill travel guide. ■

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SPORT REPORT

Disputes between countries are relegated to the back seat when cricket comes up.

You Don't Mess with Cricket

Running full tilt up the center strip, he's so graceful and soundless, you could mistake this for modern dance.

By Rachel Morton

The tennis players have been politely shooed out and the poles and tennis nets are dismantled. Two burly boys lay down a burlap map on the playing field, wickets are settled in place, and body padding is strapped on.

Though Memorial Field House in January is a far cry from lush green lawns and you'll probably not hear anyone call out, "Jolly good shot," this is cricket—Middlebury style. Cricket is meant to be played outdoors, but in this part of the world, indoor cricket is the only cricket in town, so these players practice in the field house much of the year on a makeshift court, with make-do wickets (one is a trash can).

Most of the 10 to 12 active members of the cricket club have been playing cricket since they were children in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, or Pakistan and despite the makeshift nature of the setting in the field house, most are passionate about it. They compete with other college clubs, like those from Dartmouth, Yale, RPI, and UVM, and this club is good enough to have captured the Vermont Indoor State Championship last year. The cricket club was started in 1990 by economics professor Phanindra Wunnava (who still plays) and Kashif Zafar '92, and it's been thriving ever since.

According to Vishnu Vasudev '01, an economics major from Madras, India, "It's almost a religion in South Asia. We follow it day and night." He's not joking. Just ask Suhaas Ahuja '00.5: "I don't have time to play cricket, which pains me, but if there's a game being

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

broadcast on American television, I'll be watching, no matter what else I have to do." During finals week, Ahuja joined fellow cricket lovers to catch India's match with England at 5:00 A.M. "Most certainly worth it," he pronounces, "Even though India lost."

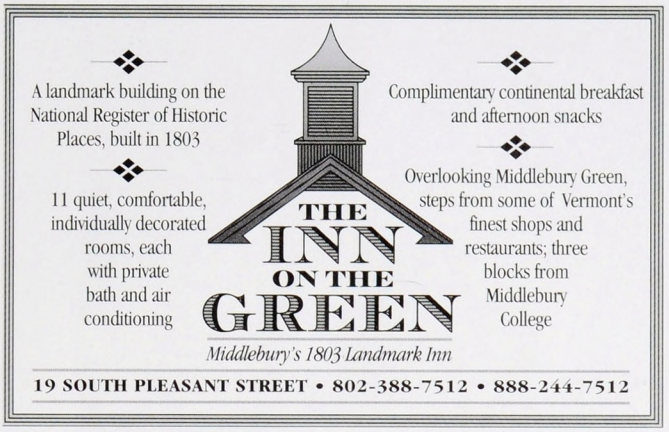
Developed by the British, cricket spread to most of the British Commonwealth, and it features a "bowler" (pitcher), who throws a ball after windmilling his arm and hurling, straight-elbowed, a pitch that must bounce once and, the bowler hopes, hit the "wicket" (home base) before a batsman hits it. A wicket-keeper stands behind the batsman, ready to catch the ball and throw it to the outfield, should the batsman make contact with the hard steel and wood ball.

The players on the field are stationed in a loose circle surrounding the "center strip" where the bowler runs as he gathers momentum to hurl the ball. Today, Gaurav Gupta '01, a joint physics/computer science major and president of the club, bowls first. Running full tilt up the center strip, he's so graceful and soundless you could mistake this for modern dance; his hair shakes with the energy of his run and the wind-up for his pitch. He releases and the ball bounces once and zips toward the wicket. Batsman Ajaya Shrestha '02, from Nepal, swings mightily, but his paddlelike bat misses the ball, which hits the wicket. Everyone cheers and claps.

The sense of old-fashioned British sportsmanship prevails, at least here during practice today, with everyone cheering each other's accomplishments. In addition, because there are not enough players to fully man the game, players not up at bat take a turn in the outfield. When it's their turn at bat, the game stops while they rush to the sidelines, don protective padding, then grab their bat and face the bowler. The camaraderie between these players is apparent. Some of it, undoubtedly, is due to a shared experience of being students on foreign soil. After their games they go out to get dinner and dissect the match. "We relish the good moments, bang the table for the bad moments," says Vasudev. "It's the small moments you remember, not so much the winning."

The way cricket can bring people together has not been lost on nations. The importance of cricket to countries like India and Pakistan can't be underestimated, the players say. In fact, a term, "cricket diplomacy," has been coined. When, last year, nuclear testing by India and Pakistan led to more bad feelings between the historically antagonistic neighbors, Pakistan sent its cricket team to India for the first time in a decade in an attempt to mend the rift between the two.

"Disputes between countries are relegated to the back seat when cricket comes up," says Vasudev. "It's the cricket that really matters. Ultimately you don't mess with cricket." ■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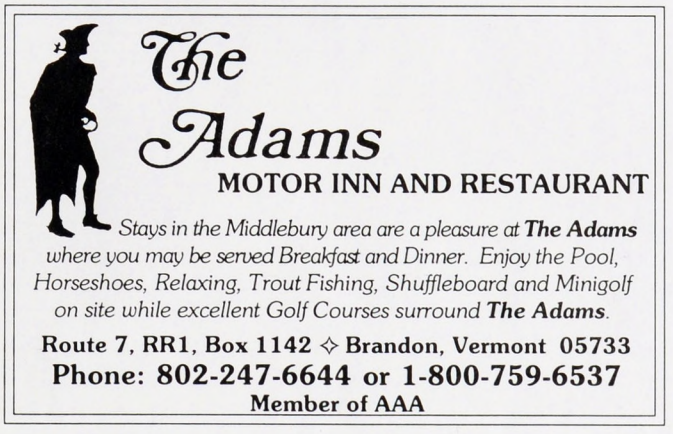
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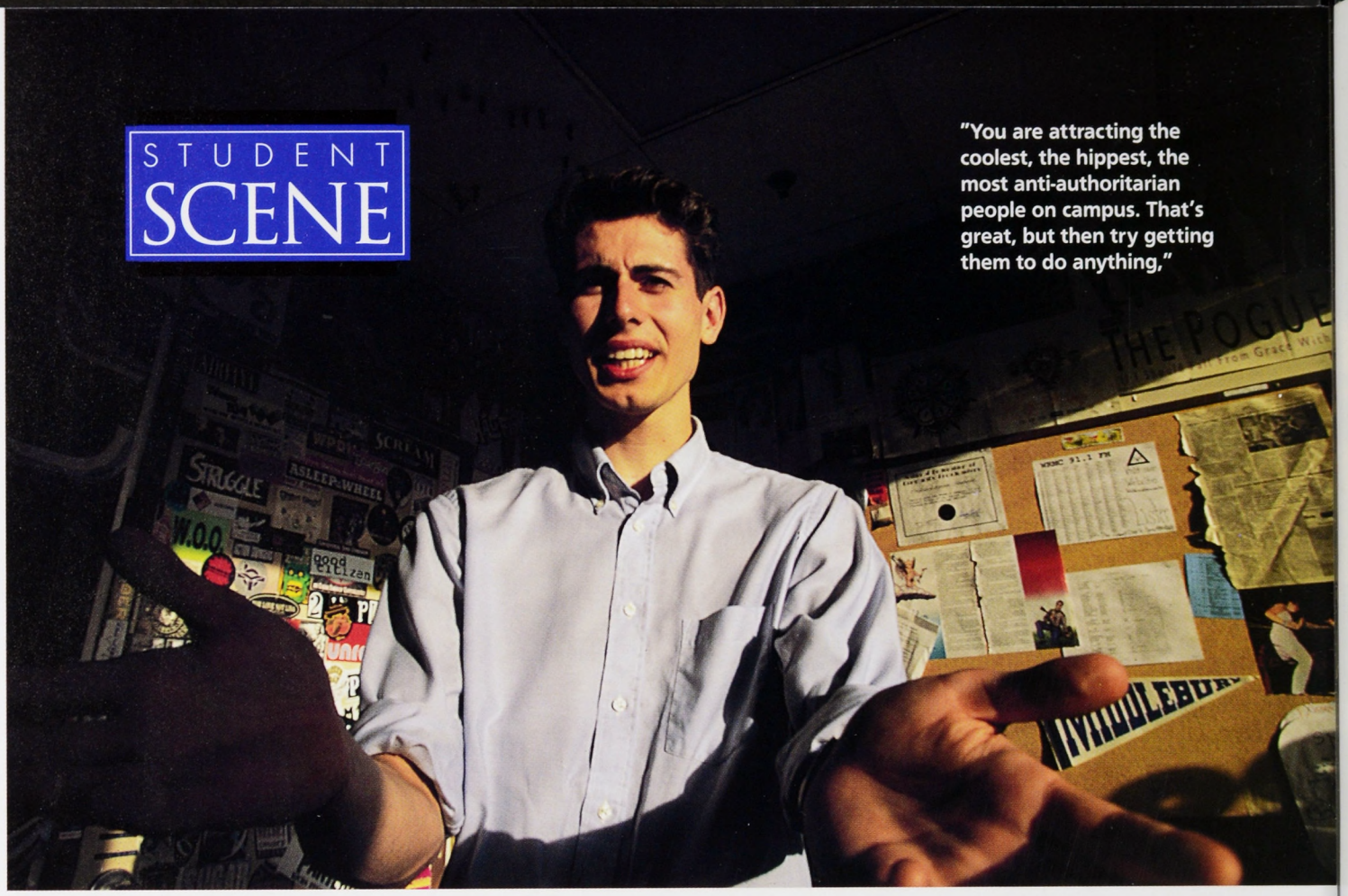

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"We're not catering to the lowest common denominator."

By Rachel Morton

Quinn Raymond '00 and Otis Hart '00 disagree politely. Raymond, WRMC station manager, thinks De La Soul is the best hip hop group around. Hart definitely goes with Outkast. Is one group slightly more commercially popular than another? Possibly. And that casts a pall on it, for both the music junkies. They share a philosophy of music, and possibly of life, with each other and with many of the 169 students who are disc jockeys and technicians at Middlebury's radio station, WRMC 91.1 FM. These students like music that is challenging; they like to explore new musical forms and new musical groups. They are united in their disdain for the Top 40 MacMusic that populates most of the radio dial. Mention the Back Street Boys and they groan. A request from a listener for a song from Korn is interpreted as a joke. When one night this spring a deejay with family contacts in the music business placed an on-air phone call to Mariah Carey and they chatted—she on her cell phone while she was being fitted for a gown she was going to wear to the Grammys—well, this was exactly the kind of thing WRMC is *not* about. Top 40. Big label. Star worship. But what can you do? What other radio station in Vermont gets Mariah Carey on the air?

Raymond is philosophical about it. As station manager, he tries to run a tight ship, but he accepts

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the fact that there will be a certain amount of anarchy when you are trying to manage over 100 highly individual personalities. "You are attracting the coolest, the hippest, the most anti-authoritarian people on campus. That's great, but then try getting them to do anything," he says. "It's antithetical to their nature."

The lanky Raymond, dressed in an army-green jacket with a shoulder insignia reading "Raymond Fire Department" laughs that this uniform "helps reinforce the fascist stereotype of me." Hardly the dictator type, he grew up in the New York's East Village and his parents, who work in the theater, introduced him to music by Jimi Hendrix and Chuck Berry early on—music that he still loves. But rock has come a long way since the sixties.

There is Indie Rock (rock produced by independent labels) from such bands as Sonic Youth, Pavement, Built to Spill, and Yo La Tengo. There is Techno, otherwise known as "electronica," which is synthesized music, mostly created by deejays who create mixes from bits of other records. Then there is Hip Hop, or urban contemporary as it is known in the business—the lyric intensive, spoken rock that is widely regarded as a legitimate poetic form.

The deejays at RMC bring this music and more to the campus—and have been since May 1, 1949, when John Bowker's parents let him use their empty chicken coop on Adirondack View to set up a studio. At 1:00 P.M. on May 1, Bowker '52 reports, "We had Chaplain Scott give the benediction, and Professor Rose Martin, bless her soul, came to the chicken house Studio A and was interviewed, as best I can remember, about the promise of a radio station at the College. We were broadcasting at 750 on the AM dial. There was no FM radio at that time." Though they tended toward Glenn Miller and Gene Krupa, the spirit of *chutzpah* certainly was born with that first radio crew. With help from his faculty adviser, Ben Wissler, Bowker built the equipment and wired the campus himself.

Since then RMC has moved twice and may move from its current home upstairs in Proctor when MiddTown, the new student center, evolves. RMC has gone from 1 to 10 watts, then to 100, and now stands on the verge of moving up to 1000 watts—enough to transmit comfortably to the listeners in Burlington. What can RMC offer that Burlington radio stations don't? Something they have been bringing campus listeners for years: music for people who think.

"We're not catering to the lowest common denominator," says Raymond. "We want to make sure people are hearing things they wouldn't normally. Otherwise there's no point in it. There are 20 radio stations in Burlington that could do it better."

The campus is certainly hearing things not heard on commercial radio. There are quiz shows, a dating game show, a Sunday night news show, a women's music show, a New Age show, and the ever-popular morning show, now in its second year. Deejays James Meader '01 and Peter Nestor '01 wake the campus each morning to chat, skits, impersonations, and 1980s pop rock (The Cars, Talking Heads, "we throw in Hanson for a joke, the Jackson 5"). Their weather report one spring morning consisted of a clothing recommendation—"Wear a T-shirt and shell, you'll be fine"—then Billy Crystal (a.k.a. Pete) launched into "You look mahvelous. . . ." As Pete ate a banana, Marlon Brando, as the Godfather, made an appearance, and the two deejays had a good laugh when they played a CD made by a "postal worker Elvis impersonator" who sang Otis Redding's "Dock of the Bay," and Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child." James's philosophy is, "If we're having fun, someone else is having fun listening." Pete agrees, "People are waking up. It's our duty to keep it happy. Keep it fun."

Even the classical music show deejays are having fun. As Julie Shumway '02 and Ann Lucke '02 cue up a modern classical piece called "Bang on a Can," Julie laughs and says to Ann, "This is whacked classical!" One day soon, they plan to bring Asian classical music to the campus—surely not something Vermonters can find anyplace else on their radio dial. Today they are having a little technical trouble, and one reads the typed instructions taped to the wall: "If something is wrong, call your manager. If something is really wrong, call Quinn."

Which brings Raymond to one of the dilemmas of being station manager. "You have to make constant choices. Do you fix the 100-watt station that's broadcasting to the southern tip of Burlington, or do you go to class?" He says that not many people were lining up for the station manager job, which brings with it a smattering of 4:00 A.M. emergency phone calls, but he's glad he's doing it. "I love RMC. I love college radio. I believe in it." ■

GET BACK IN THE GROOVE

To celebrate RMC's 50th birthday, alumni DJs are invited to come back to Middlebury Homecoming Weekend and host radio shows (October 14-17).

OLD CHAPEL VIEWS

Why Give to Middlebury?

By John M. McCardell, Jr.

We intend to get more than our share of the best students available, for the quality of debate in our classrooms does make a difference in producing a better-educated person.

Just before reunion, I received the following letter from a member of the returning Class of 1974. Suspecting that he was not the only alum harboring these questions, I decided, with his permission, to reproduce an abridged version of his letter and my reply.

Dear John,
Having received Countdown Campaign Report: Building the College of the Future: A $200 Million Investment, I wanted to write to you to explain my reasons for declining to contribute, and to give you an opportunity to change my mind. I thought it would be fairer to write, so that you would have a chance to gather any facts and numbers you might need, and to consider your response, rather than force you to answer extemporaneously at some public event during my 25th Reunion, which is coming up in a few weeks. Unless I missed something (and I don't think I did), the fundraising broadsheet does not explain what the money will be used for. Not all that long ago, the College raised some $78 million with the Campaign for Middlebury, exceeding the announced goal by $18 million. I had assumed that some of the money would be used for some overdue rehabbing of shabby facilities—updating lab equipment and upgrading the library—but that most (or at least half) of the funds would be added to the College's endowment and invested. It turned out, of course, that the College had, instead, gone on a building spree. There was also the matter of the new field house, or athletic center and— ahem— natatorium, as I guess it's called. There was, as you know, a red-hot controversy shortly after I graduated, about the wisdom of spending millions on a new facility to replace the Memorial Field House, which was the only one we'd had when I was a student. The dispute was settled; the athletic lobby won. But I guess even that wasn't good enough. From what I've heard, the new facility is magnificent—almost Pharaonic in its splendor and amenities—and I have to ask whether that was the best and most efficient use of the resources that alumni have placed in the hands of the College. There is also, I've heard, a new arts building (Johnson was brand new in my day), with an impressive collection of priceless original works. I look forward to seeing it, though I can't help wondering how many Middlebury undergraduates ever visit the gallery more than once or twice during their entire four years, and—again—whether or not this is a wise allocation of the College's resources if they don't. Now to the standard of living of today's Middlebury students. Let me preface this by saying that I came to Middlebury from a typical, upper-middle class suburban home. When I arrived at Middlebury and settled into my room in Stewart in the fall of 1970, I was in no

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way dissatisfied with the accommodations. I'd never lived in a dorm before, since it was my first time away from home, but everything was perfectly satisfactory. There was one pay phone per floor, but that was all that anybody really needed. Boys who had more money than they knew what to do with and chose to spend it could get (and pay for) a phone in their rooms.

Apparently, today's Middlebury undergraduate doesn't have to suffer the hardships that my classmates and I suffered 25 years ago.

John, is it true that today's undergraduate is served Ben & Jerry's ice cream and a choice of Coke, Sprite, etc.? Is it true there's a telephone in every undergraduate's dorm room, and a connection to the Internet—installed and paid for by the College?

My maximum prospective contribution—certainly in my current frame of mind—would be one one-millionth of the $200 million goal of this fund-raising campaign. Meaningful to me in terms of what I would otherwise use that $200 for—like putting it into my 401k, or even just one great, luxurious dinner at the best restaurant in Boston—but less than a fraction of a drop in the bucket in terms of the total.

John, I have a hard time justifying to myself writing a check to the College to be spent on things that, in some cases, haven't even been disclosed and that, in others, support an undergraduate standard of living that is, in fact, not just above what I knew as an undergraduate but also above my own standard of living now. I'm not saying anything like, 'These kids should have it as hard as I did when I was a boy!' But let's set valid priorities—or, at least, let's explain with precision and honesty what the priorities of today's Middlebury students are to crotchety old bastards like me who do have checkbooks but would like to know where the money is going to go and to be assured that the College will exhibit good stewardship and spend the money wisely.

Why not just save the money and invest it for lean times? And *tell* us that that's why you're asking us to give it? After all, only a fool believes that the sun will always shine, that the stock market has nowhere to go but up, and that what seems, now, to be the endless well of ever-increasing alumni generosity will never run dry.

If that gloomy warning sounds overly pessimistic to you, I urge you to reconsider your opinion. With our splendid plant and equipment now in place, and with our student body, our faculty, and our academic reputation second to none, I urge you to contemplate the fable of the ant and the grasshopper.

"I have a hard time justifying to myself writing a check to the College. . . to support an undergraduate standard of living that is, not just above what I knew as an undergraduate, but also above my own standard of living now."

Please, let no one be able to say to us, on some dark day in the future, 'Eh bien, dansez maintenant!' I look forward to your reply. I know you'll answer honestly.

Sincerely, Jack

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. You suggested that I write to convince you to resume your giving to Middlebury and its Bicentennial Campaign. You are disappointed that the Campaign for Middlebury in the 1980s did not yield enough for the endowment. Yes, a significant share did go for improvements to campus. However, it also made a significant addition to the endowment. Today, Middlebury's endowment ranks among the top 100 of all universities and colleges. Rising as it has from $107 million in 1984 (when the campaign began) to $618 million at the beginning of the current fiscal year, few colleges can point to the kind of sustained growth of endowment resources we have achieved over that period.

Memorial Field House has not been replaced; in fact, we hope that it will continue to give us good service for decades to come. Yes, we have built a new ice rink, and we are proud that it is one of the finest of its kind for collegiate facilities. Middlebury has a long tradition of leadership in winter sports. There have been a number of other facility additions to the athletic complex, in keeping with a comprehensive plan launched ten years ago to match the quality of our teams with the fields and courts on which they compete. The emphasis on fitness for both men and women on campus today is far greater than the College I found when I arrived in 1976. More than one-third of our students compete in intercollegiate sports, and many alumni tell me that athletic competition helped to prepare them for life as much as did their classroom experiences.

The arts center is much more than a museum. It hosts all our performing arts programs,

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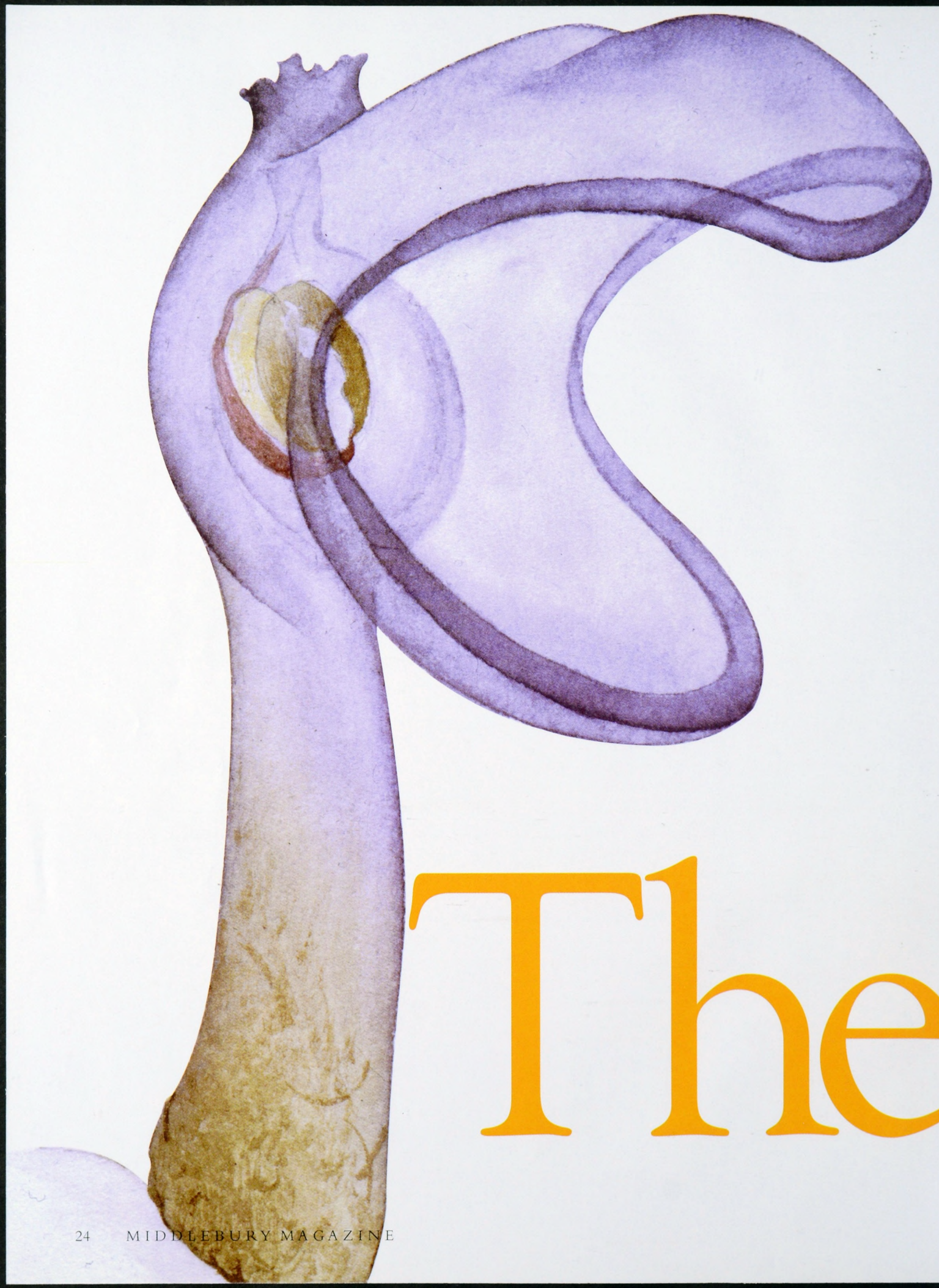

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Mysterious Undersea Life Forms Highlight Aquatic Exhibit

By Sarah Van Arsdale

Imagine the impossibility of dragging the deep sea for information about what goes on in those dark, salty depths. You can't land on the surface, get out, walk around and collect samples. It's always night, and you've got the motion of the sea, the cold, the frighteningly low oxygen to worry about. Ed Seidel '88, a research biologist with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, puts it this way:

"It's as if aliens couldn't land on the surface of Earth and had to drag a net through Manhattan while flying a mile above earth to get samples of life here. They might get a hot dog stand, a pedestrian, a taxicab, and it would be like trying to piece together what New York City is like from that sample."

This is how scientists have, until recently, attempted to piece together the puzzle of the deepest oceans. But now Seidel and his colleagues at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, California, are able to plunge into the depths and not only see the habitats never before seen by humans, but also bring back representative samples of the strange and wonderful creatures that live in the mysterious ocean waters.

The new exhibit, "Mysteries of the Deep," which opened on March 20, will display animals from as deep as 12,000 feet. Most of these have never before been displayed live and have only recently—within the past 75 to 100 years in some cases—been scientifically named and described.

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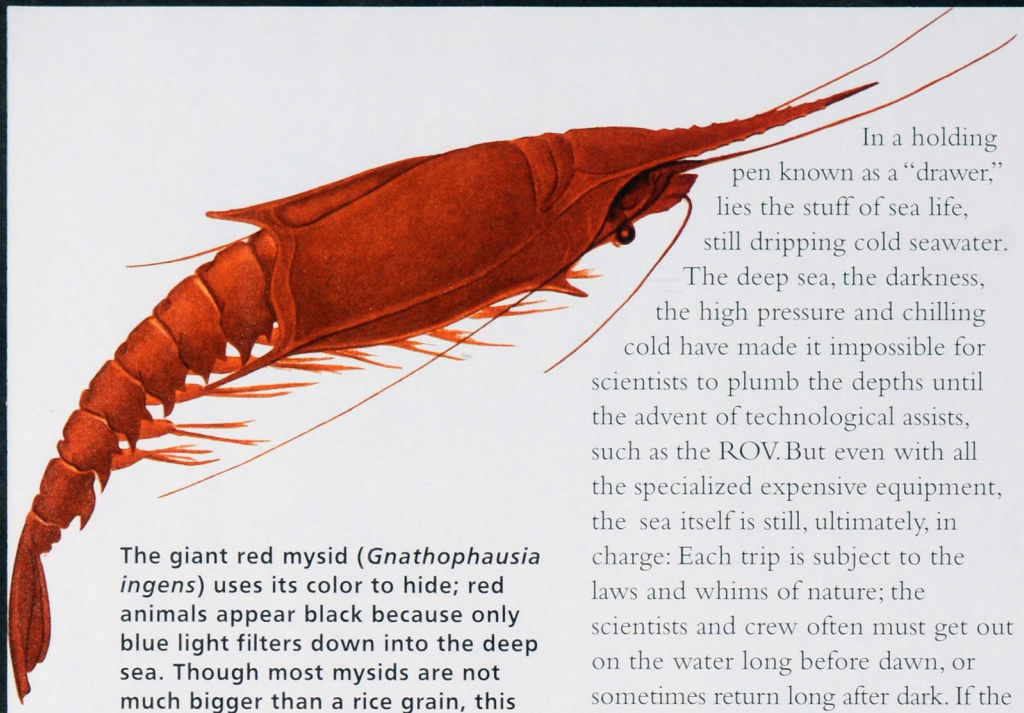
Above: Ed Seidel '88, a research biologist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, feeds enriched brine shrimp to pallid eelpouts. Left: The predatory tunicate (*Megalodicopia hians*) uses its enlarged hood like a Venus flytrap to catch deep sea shrimp, mysids, or krill that blunder in.

Deep

Illustrations courtesy of Monterey Bay Aquarium



The giant red mysid (*Gnathophausia ingens*) uses its color to hide; red animals appear black because only blue light filters down into the deep sea. Though most mysids are not much bigger than a rice grain, this one is 16 inches long, illustrating bathygigantism—some animals in the deep sea are the largest of their kind in the world.

To collect the specimens, Seidel and his team venture miles out into the waters of the Pacific, where the undersea Monterey Canyon pitches deeper than Arizona's Grand Canyon, providing habitat that supports a mind-boggling array of little-known wildlife.

On collecting trips, scientists from the aquarium team up with scientists from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), a sister organization up the coast. Once they're out on the sea, above the canyon, the boat's crew unlashes the remotely operated vehicle, or ROV, from the deck and lowers it with a huge crane into the depths. The robotic arms of the ROV are then directed with controls located below deck, using video monitors to guide them. From the sea floor or canyon walls, the robotic arms pluck delicate animals like predatory tunicates and scoop pom-pom anemones into a pan. Then the ROV is "flown" back to the surface.

In a holding pen known as a "drawer," lies the stuff of sea life, still dripping cold seawater. The deep sea, the darkness, the high pressure and chilling cold have made it impossible for scientists to plumb the depths until the advent of technological assists, such as the ROV. But even with all the specialized expensive equipment, the sea itself is still, ultimately, in charge: Each trip is subject to the laws and whims of nature; the scientists and crew often must get out on the water long before dawn, or sometimes return long after dark. If the team goes out on a rough day, the waves may beat the boat's hull to the point that the captain must turn back because it isn't safe to lower the ROV, and the scientists return to the aquarium with nothing to show but a queasy stomach and windburn.

But often the seas are calm enough to allow the ROV to sink below the choppy water. When the ROV is lifted back on deck, its "drawer" is full of life. But a visitor has to wonder what form of life it really is? It is hard to fully grasp that this is *animal* life, not plant life, even though Seidel points out that there are no plants in the deep sea, because there is no sunlight there, and without sunlight, there is, of course, no photosynthesis.

Who would guess that the mushroom corals, which look like wavy flowers with multiple stalky pink petals, are animals? Certainly no lay person, unless they plucked one from the tank and watched it suck itself back into a rocky case, leaving only a rough stone in hand. Or those tall, skinny sea whips that look like grass? These, too, are animals, Seidel says, with primitive circulatory and nervous systems. Like almost all deep sea creatures, they are highly bioluminescent and will send light racing up and down their spines when troubled.

In the dark, deep sea, it's always night. At a depth of 50 feet, red and violet light disappear. At 450 feet, the ocean has absorbed or scattered 99 percent of the surface light. Therefore, most of the animals at 2,300 feet and deeper make their own light in order to attract mates, find food, and avoid predators.

As striking as bioluminescence is, it isn't the only colorful display to be seen in the deep sea. Most people think of the deep sea creatures as being pale or

Spotted ratfish (*Hydrolagus colliei*) is found as deep as 3,300 feet and, like a shark, has a cartilaginous skeleton and buoyant liver; like a bony fish it has a lateral line system.

dark, and this would make sense: with no light, there's little need for color. And yet, if you look at the pom-pom anemone, you'll see it waving its rosy-pink tentacles, as saturated with color as peonies growing in a garden on land.

Collecting the animals for the exhibit is the easy part: the $8,000 trip includes a boat with captain and crew, technicians and ROV pilots, and a ROV.

It's in the lab where the real challenges abound, and Seidel's team has been working for eight years on carefully calibrating the delicate life-support systems of the creatures that will be displayed. Only a few midwater animals, from 600 to 1500 meters (about a mile) deep, can survive in captivity. These are kept in specialized tanks called "Kreisel tanks," (German for gyroscope) which continually spin the tank water in a way that prevents the animals from touching the tank walls. "They're delicate," says Seidel, "they've never encountered walls." Even here, some species resist captivity entirely, and most of the creatures in the new exhibit will be from either the canyon walls or the floor; the midwater portion of the exhibit will rely on videos of midwater animals, with just a few representatives.

One of the few genera able to survive captivity are two species of eelpouts, small eel-like creatures. In one of the marvelous adaptations of deep sea life, the stomachs of these silvery animals are lined in such a way that their prey, bioluminescent crustaceans like krill, can't be seen by predators as they are being digested in the eelpout's stomachs.

Miles out into the waters of the Pacific, the undersea Monterey Canyon pitches deeper than Arizona's Grand Canyon.

A mystery that Seidel and his teammates recently solved involved the deep sea predatory tunicate, a creature that is found at depths of 200 to 1,600 meters along the walls of the Monterey canyon. It traps its prey like a Venus flytrap, opening its "oral siphon" to feed on the tiny crustaceans that happen by. It looks a little like a Venus flytrap, too, standing on its stalk, topped with a bulbous mushroom-like head.

When scientists first began collecting the tunicates for the aquarium in 1991, they couldn't understand why the animals only lived about six months in their tanks in the lab. The tunicates certainly look delicate—according to Seidel they're "almost gelatinous"—but this alone didn't explain their early demise. In collecting live species from the sea, one has to consider an array of complicating factors that make up the creatures' ambient habitat, including water temperature, pH level, salinity, and more. These were adjusted accordingly, and still the tunicates died, until Seidel and his partners figured out that the oxygen concentration was off.

As often happens in science, it was through examining another species, the droopy sea pens, that the scientists realized that the tunicates, like the sea pens, were suffering from an overdose of oxygen.

"The tunicates live in the 'oxygen minimum zone,'" Seidel says. "As you go down deeper in the ocean, the oxygen level decreases. On the surface, it's constantly being replenished, but as you go down, it gets used up by animals. Most animals from the surface could not survive in this water, which can have up to a tenth of the oxygen concentration at the surface."

Once the oxygen level was controlled by using a computerized life-support system that strips oxygen by bubbling nitrogen through the water, the tunicates started living longer, and now they live in captivity for over two years.

While it's understandable that creatures living in the oxygen minimum zone can't survive in higher concentrations of oxygen, the mystery remains as to precisely what effect higher concentrations of oxygen have on these

Pacific hagfish (*Eptatretus stoutii*) are commonly called slime eels for their ability to produce huge quantities of thick, ropy mucous when disturbed. Lacking jaws, this very primitive fish wiggles into a dead fish's mouth, gills, or anus and eats the animal inside out!

The Victorian view presented the wonders of the natural world as individual accomplishments of color or adaptation, but the creatures weren't seen as working in concert in a habitat.

The pallid eelpout (*Lycodapus mandibularis*) curls into a circle when threatened by predators. The dark lining around its stomach masks the glow of the bioluminescent animals it eats.

animals. Perhaps the tunicates are sensitive to free-radicals produced by the oxygen, or maybe pathogens that are toxic to the tunicates proliferate in highly oxygenated water, or low oxygen levels help lower the tunicates' metabolic rate and this helps them live.

The deep sea animals are so new to the world up top that many haven't been given common names yet, and so it's part of Ed Seidel's job to come up with names like "apple anemone" and "cantaloupe sea star," names that will help the public identify the creatures.

It's appropriate that the Monterey Bay Aquarium is the first in the world to develop an exhibit on the deep sea. Before the MBA, aquariums were, for the most part, collections of fish in big tanks, and the experience of seeing them was different from a seeing a fish tank in a dentist's waiting room only in variety and scale. The fish on display were phylogenetically segregated, Seidel says; that is, they were housed in tanks according to species, in the reductionist approach of the world that held over from the Victorian attitude about nature study, as exemplified by butterfly collecting. This view presented the wonders of the natural world as individual accomplishments of color or adaptation, but the creatures weren't seen as working in concert in a habitat.

This approach to wildlife may have contributed to the rapid demise of species due to habitat destruction; even today, there's often an emphasis on saving endangered species, rather than saving the habitats in which they live. And yet, what's abundantly clear on a trip out to the submarine canyon is that without the proper habitat, the varied species will not be able to survive.

When the MBA opened in 1984, it was the first aquarium to provide habitat-based, rather than species-based, exhibits, a difference that can easily be seen by walking through the aquarium.

"Here, you get to see the big picture," Seidel says. Indeed, the kelp forest exhibit towers through the aquarium's three floors, topping out at the roof, so that visitors can see the height of the kelp as it grows up to six inches a day. And they also see the creatures that live among the swaying kelp trees: sheepheads, señoritas, leopard sharks, and abalone.

So, too, does the new exhibit give a picture of what goes on in the depths of the sea. It's divided into three habitats: the canyon walls, the midwater, and the sea floor. The deep sea is still mysterious to the public and scientists alike, Seidel says. Research conducted over the past 50 years or so has increased knowledge about the sea's surface tremendously, with nature shows on television, classroom exercises, and popular magazines all illuminating the life of the sea, but only from about 150 feet and up. This leaves about another eight miles to explore.

So new is the knowledge about the deep sea that until as recently as 100 years ago, it was thought to be "azoic," or without life, Seidel says. It was imagined as a vast empty wash: after all, what could possibly live down there, in an atmosphere of high pressure, cold temperatures, and little oxygen? When the first transatlantic cables were laid undersea in 1860 this view changed. A cable running from Corsica to Sardinia in 7,200 feet of water snapped, and when it was hauled to the surface, it was found to have a deep sea coral attached to it. Suddenly, the world of the deep sea was seen as being alive with creatures, and the human concept of life in the deep sea had to be reconsidered.

Ed Seidel is a scientist's scientist; science is in his blood, evidenced not

The king crab (*Paralithodes rathbuni*) uses the many, spiny projections for defense from hungry predators. Blacktail snailfish lay their eggs under its carapace for protection.

only by his passion for the work, for untangling the mysteries that lie coiled in the animals that live in the deep sea, but also by his history. Seidel's mother, Elizabeth Evans, is a botanist and landscaper, and his maternal grandmother, Betsy Evans, was one of the first woman marine biologists. She worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts and with the first bell divers early in this century, when the sea was even less willing to relinquish its secrets. Seidel remembers peering into tide pools along the Maine coast where he grew up, guided by his grandmother's expert hand.

Seidel's passion for sea creatures has led him to study them in preparation for this exhibit, but here he's also able to combine his interest in art in helping to design the exhibit, and his commitment to public education, which he hopes will help save some of the habitat he loves.

While mammals are the most popular creatures among the lay population, Seidel is quick to point out that the world is home to only one phylum of vertebrates, Chordata, which includes humans, birds, fish, and snakes, compared to 33 phyla of invertebrates, including tunicates and anemones and sea stars. And yet, it's this one species—the humans—that is rapidly erasing the others from the world, Seidel says.

"Humans will find the easiest food first and deplete that stock. Then we'll go down deeper and deplete that stock. That is what's happening now in the world's oceans," he says.

Ed Seidel and the other scientists putting together the new exhibit are strongly committed to educating the public about the unique creatures living below the surface. If they weren't convinced that in the long run it would save the habitat for future generations, they wouldn't disturb these animals.

"If people don't know about something, how can they care about it?" Seidel asks. "If you think the deep sea is a muddy, murky bottom with no life in it, then you can think that dumping nuclear waste, trash, and toxins there is a great idea." ■

To visit the Montery Bay Aquarium, online: www.mbayaq.org/
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Field Days

Behind the 4-H barn you can find a virtual squatters camp of kids camping on the grounds with their animals

by Beth Whitney '95

It's the first week in August, when the mosquitoes have already had their field day, and the evening temperature doesn't punish you for forgetting your sweater. It hasn't rained for a week, and the sunset promises to be spectacular. So why are the streets of Middlebury empty? You ask the lone high-schooler who is scooping ice cream at Ben and Jerry's, "So, where is everyone?"

"Arm wrestling."

Is this a joke about how there's nothing to do in Vermont, you wonder, remembering conversations that bonded your freshman hallmates when you first arrived on campus? Or is this kid just being insolent? You decide to play ball. "Oh yeah, and where are they arm wrestling?"

"Field Days," comes the cryptic

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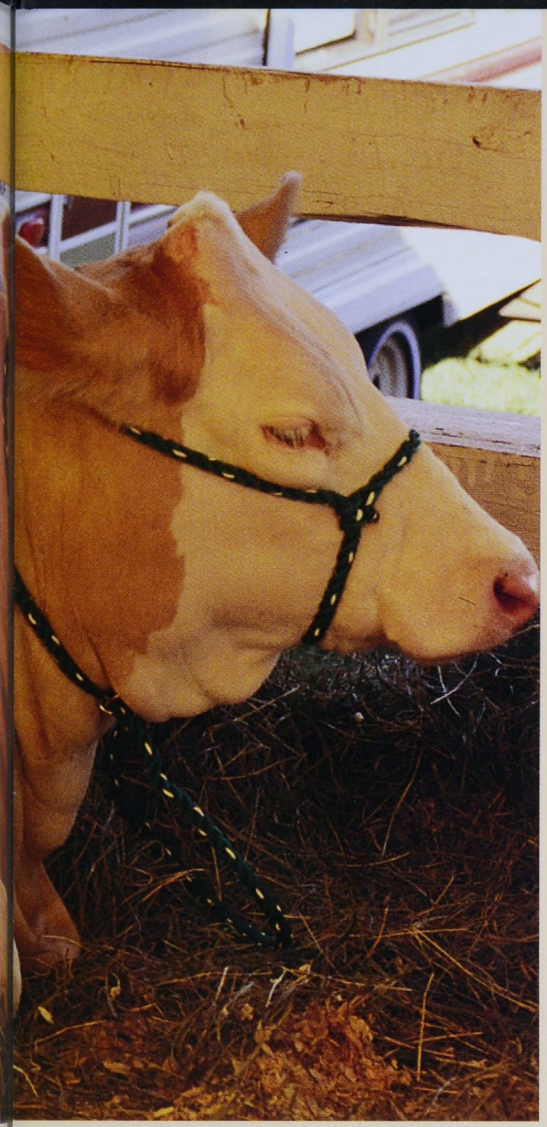


answer. Translation: Addison County Fair and Field Days—Vermont's largest agricultural fair. He wasn't putting you on.

"Field Days" is local speak for the annual event that draws people out of every corner of Addison County for a week of old-fashioned county-fair fun. The fairground is set up, literally, in a farmer's backyard near the Addison/Weybridge/New Haven town line, at the junction of Route 17 and the aptly named Field Days Road. In recent years, attendance at the fair has exceeded 120,000, which is a formidable testimony to its popularity, considering that the population of Addison and Weybridge combined doesn't top 2,500.

The fair's attractions include all of the standard rides, games, and food, plus such Vermont attractions as sheep shearing and miniature horse hitching demonstrations, ox pulling, greased pole climbs, performances by cloggers, and, yes, even arm wrestling. But the biggest daytime attractions are without a doubt the livestock shows.

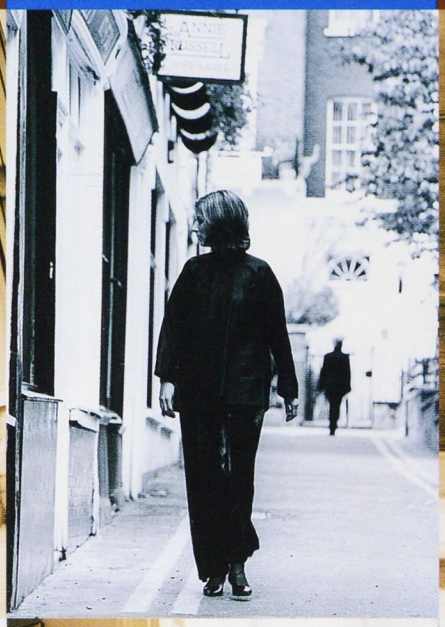
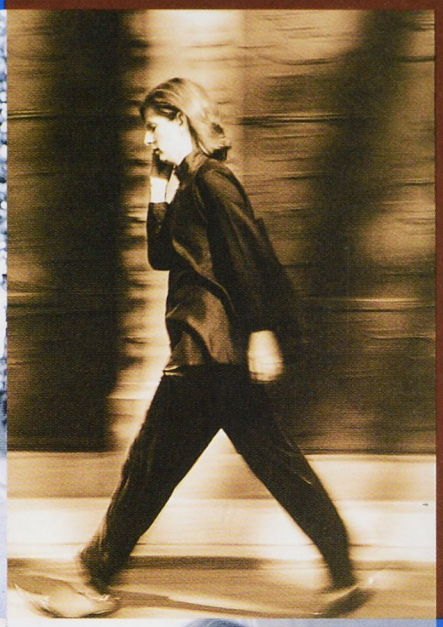
Farming families have been using the fair to show off their livestock for the 50 years that Field Days has been a tradition. Adults and especially children prepare for weeks in anticipation of entering their sheep, cows, oxen, horses, and even their pets in competitions in which the animals are judged for obedience and constitution (form, posture, and physical characteristics). Farm children may bring several animals to show in almost every category, and the lucky ones proudly display rows of ribbons above each winning animal's designated stall. (Kids don't have to live on a farm to be able to participate—any of the approximately 450 members of Addison County 4-H clubs may lease a cow for a few months and prepare it to be shown at Field Days.)

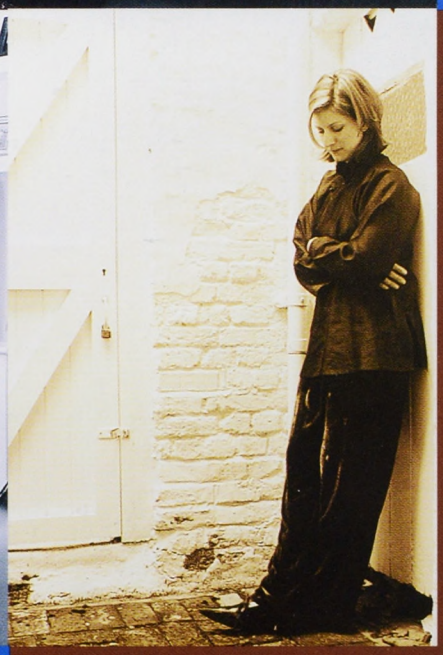
No matter how the children come by the animal they show at Field Days, one of the big attractions in doing this is the chance to pitch a tent and spend the night there. Behind the 4-H barn you can find a virtual squatters camp of kids camping on the grounds with their animals. "We slept right in the barn with the cows," says Cindy Kayhart of Chalker Farm in New Haven. "It was like going to camp, only it was cow camp!"

After the day's animal shows are over, country bands, hypnotists, and folk dances are standard, but there is no evening event more beloved by fair-goers than the demolition derby.

Most of the entrants in the "demo derby" have spent up to $500 on a used car and untold hours getting it running and making sure it meets all safety regulations, which includes welding or chaining doors shut and removing all glass (windshields are optional.) The result of all this time and effort will inevitably be a sore neck and a destroyed vehicle; but it also means a night as a local hero. David Holbrook, a lifetime resident of East Middlebury, who won the top prize last year, says, "You may bang each other up real good, but you're shaking hands afterwards, maybe even loaning a guy a car to use in the next round if you don't make it. When you've done it once, it's hard to go back to watching from the bleachers."

If you find time this summer to return to Addison County and re-experience this community you lived in for four years, consider the first week in August, knowing that you really don't know Addison County until you've attended Field Days. And if you're here, try your hand at arm wrestling, and definitely don't skip the Ferris wheel; it has a view to beat any other in the county (presuming we'll all be asked to keep off the roof of the new science center, that is). ■



What a Turn-On

Yankee puts pizzazz in British daytime TV

By Patricia Wright

Julia Foote LeStage '88, a leggy blonde with a mile-a-minute delivery and a radiant grin, is a self-described "loud-mouthed Yankee woman in London," who in the last several years has staged a kind of behind-the-scenes Boston Tea Party in the formerly fog-bound harbor of British daytime TV. She's pushing American marketing concepts even as she devotes herself to the "indigenous programming" that will help Britons "appreciate this beautiful country."

Though this runner-up in the Miss Vermont Pageant would look as at home in front of the camera as behind it, LeStage notes that she might be remembered at Middlebury as "a vocal feminist." The granddaughter of J. William Fulbright and second cousin of Adlai Stevenson, LeStage is (not surprisingly) smart as a whip, and nobody's fool. "Of course I married a Republican and made a deal with the devil," she adds cheerfully, explaining the extra surname she's acquired since college. Her husband, Greg, is completing a doctorate in literature at Oxford, and their daughter, Chloe Fulbright LeStage, was born in June of last year.

LeStage has lived in England for five years, the last three with responsibility for daytime programming on Channel 4. When Americans think of British TV, it's generally of the BBC and of period dramas and ironical comedies imported to our shores via affiliated partner, PBS. BBC channels in England still form the root of much of British broadcasting—even as several commercial broadcast channels have been franchised by the government to offer variety, raise revenues, and compete with cable.

Channel 4, which began transmitting in 1982, is one of the relatively new "alternative" broadcast channels. Switch it on in your hotel room after an overnight flight to London, and you'll probably be met with one of its witty educational programs (on Friday, April 30, for instance, "Romans and Celts: Lice in Your Tunic"; "The Complete Cosmos: Hubble's Eye"; and "Newes of the Weeke, 1642"). In the afternoon—LeStage's bailiwick—you might be greeted by antic but self-improving programs like *Late Lunch*, *Pet Rescue*, and *Collectors' Lot*, to name three in particular which LeStage helped to create.

In short, you'll find something

Photographs by Bob Handelman

that looks more like PBS than NBC, but with more life. "I think of Channel 4 as sort of sexy public TV," remarks LeStage. Channel 4 programming is supposed to be a little more independent, a little more innovative—a little bit peppier than the rest of British programming. This means, to some extent, a little more American. The banter and razzmatazz of the morning talk show preceding the educational lineup has much of the hectic quality of drive-time radio in the U.S. In a nod to the curious, imperial reversal that has Europe—including England—now looking to the U.S. as a geyser of culture, LeStage's afternoon lineup includes such Americana as reruns of *Bewitched*. By the standards of American broadcast TV, however, Channel 4 is practically highbrow.

The basic difference between British and American television, says LeStage, is that British TV started as public service: "That's the whole tradition. There was nothing but public TV in Britain for a long time, so the commercial stations have grown out of that." It's the opposite in the U.S., where the tradition is commercial, and public TV was introduced as the alternative. Virtually all the people she works with, says LeStage, were trained at the BBC.

British TV—public-spirited to the core, with a stodginess easily remedied by liberal injections of pep—made it a perfect match for LeStage. She herself was a "PBS baby," whose parents strictly rationed her childhood consumption of television. "I could watch three hours a week, unless they were watching with me, in which case it didn't go on the clock." (As a result, LeStage says, "I spent my childhood pitching shows to my parents." Good practice, since pitching shows is what much of her professional life has involved.) In any case, she grew up with an affinity for public-service and parent-friendly broadcasting. At the same time, typical American kid that she was, LeStage developed a taste for life's less serious side. When, in an advising session at Middlebury that she now recalls as pivotal, Professor Stephen Donadio asked Julia what she really liked to do, she answered, "Well, if you want the truth, I really like reading magazines and watching TV."

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That counseling session, along with the assistance of John Elder of the English department, led her to an internship at WCAX-TV in Burlington, where she worked hard from January through the summer after her graduation. As an assistant on the nightly news, she spent four days a week at the station, jumping into the car as soon as her classes were over, driving to Burlington, and working until midnight. "I did everything," says LeStage, "edited pieces, shot pieces, wrote pieces, worked to the camera, used the machines. I became totally addicted."

She praises the encouragement Middlebury gave her to become "well-lopsided." By this, she means grounded in a major—in her case comparative literature—but exposed by the culture of the campus to peers and professors going in all sorts of different directions: art, science, creative writing, compulsive skiing. And if her Middlebury experience was excellent preparation for the synthetic mind set of media work, so the "Middlebury network" was an extremely useful entrée to the media world. "I blasted the Middlebury network when I went to New York after graduation," says LeStage. "I really plugged in!" The result was that her first job was with PBS's *McNeil-Lehrer News Hour*.

She calls that first high-level job "totally exciting, mind-blowing, and horrible"—the latter because it plunged her into a milieu where "it's absolutely essential to work until 10:00 every night to show you're not a loser." Not certain she wanted to keep winning in just that way, she took two years out to get her master's degree in comparative literature at Oxford, where she met her husband, Greg. Afterward, she returned to the U.S. to do project development for one of the premier PBS stations in the country, WGBH-Boston, and spent an interesting and informative six months managing worldwide distribution and sales of PBS documentaries.

The distribution job was a stretch, says LeStage, because at that point she knew nothing about business, and because "I'm not a really good seller; I'm not a good enough liar." (She worked one Christmas as a personal shopper for Neiman Marcus before signing on at WGBH, and says, "I'd forget I was supposed to be selling the yellow dress to the lady, not warning her she looked like Big Bird

in it.") But if LeStage is a bad liar, she's a great promoter and could relish the oddity of finding herself "in a booth at some trade show in the South of France, telling someone, 'Oh, you've got to get *The Civil War*. It'll go great in Malaysia.'"

The distribution job also gave her something she says few "creatives" in her industry have: an understanding of how their work does or doesn't get seen. "I had a chance to see the whole cycle," she says, "to understand what kind of network you need and how many transmissions you have to sell to finance a project. That's something most people don't care about, but if you don't, it comes back to haunt you."

Along with the excitement, opportunity, and goal-clarification of her time with PBS, LeStage had two frustrations with idealistic, American-style TV. One was its bureaucratic nature: As a project developer, she found that at PBS "it's hard to run as fast as you want to run. There's all these forms to fill out."

The second frustration was that while she felt good about everything she worked on at PBS, much of her work wasn't all that close to her heart. "For instance, I worked on *Arthur*," she says, referring to the animated children's show with the bespectacled, schoolboy. "And it's a great show, but it isn't something I'd watch."

England, by contrast, to which the LeStages decided to return in 1994, offers what is for Julia the best of both worlds: socially conscious TV and the chance to choose and develop programs she'd actually watch herself. "Programs with smart, funny women in them," she explains, "programs for women with children at home, programs that don't patronize."

The possibilities for daytime TV were so much more interesting, LeStage felt, than "slapping on old black-and-white movies all the time." Hired by Channel 4 as a deputy commissioning editor in 1996, and promoted seven months later to her present position as strategy director/commissioning editor of daytime programs, LeStage says that she functions "like the editor of a magazine, in that I not only buy and schedule shows, but also commission them. In the first year I was at Channel 4, we commissioned four or five series that just hit the ball out of the park."

All those series are "indigenous"—British born and bred, by "funky producers" LeStage has picked up on and worked with. One is *Late Lunch*, an early-afternoon cooking show featuring a pair of smart, mouthy women who've so charmed the nation that their Web site is one of the most visited in Britain, and their show is moving into prime time. Another show, *Pet Rescue*, which highlights hard-to-place animals ("you know, a three-legged dog, a pack of goats, 13 chickens") has become an institution, with floods of requests for featured beasts and the RSPCA noting a sharp increase in pet adoptions nationwide. "It's been hilarious!" LeStage exclaims.

Creating shows that become institutions, with instantly recognizable names, is what LeStage means by programming for "brand"—a conventional American viewer-corralling concept which British TV, at least in the daytime hours, had not previously exploited. Along with the "brand" concept comes an American technique called "stripping." As American fans of BBC sitcoms are aware, it's been the habit of the English industry to conceive a series in a finite number of episodes that actually reaches a conclusion. The "stripping" technique maximizes brand loyalty by airing a potentially endless series in a consistent time slot.

"Strand" is another American television term, used to denote the practice of scheduling shows of a similar "flavor" in the same or nearby time slots on successive days. Take for example another LeStage commission, *Collectors' Lot*. Each episode of this wildly popular midafternoon show features a couple of curious collections (teeth, underwear, china dolls, torture equipment) in various stately or otherwise interesting homes. LeStage has scheduled this show as part of a "heritage strand" of programs likely to appeal to the same audience. Such is the case with another program, *Watercolor Challenge* ("Do you know there are 5 million amateur painters in this country?" asks LeStage) or, as in late May, intensive coverage of the Chelsea Flower Show.

The crew at Channel 4 is happy, and why wouldn't they be? Daytime ratings have doubled since LeStage took over. LeStage is happy, as seems to be her nature. To this Midd Kid, life's obstacles are matters to be mowed down. (Recently, halfway through her pregnancy with daughter Chloe, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer: "Had to have my thyroid taken out and some follow-up treatments, but am now totally cancer-free.") Unabated, LeStage has done so well her handlers have bent over backwards to accommodate her becoming a mother. "God bless Channel 4," she says. "I go to the studio two days a week; three days a week I work at home. I do a lot of work by e-mail; I try to get that done in the mornings.

"I'm just so happy with how this has worked out! I have a beautiful little girl; I get to spend tons of time with her; I get to watch lots of daytime TV!" ■

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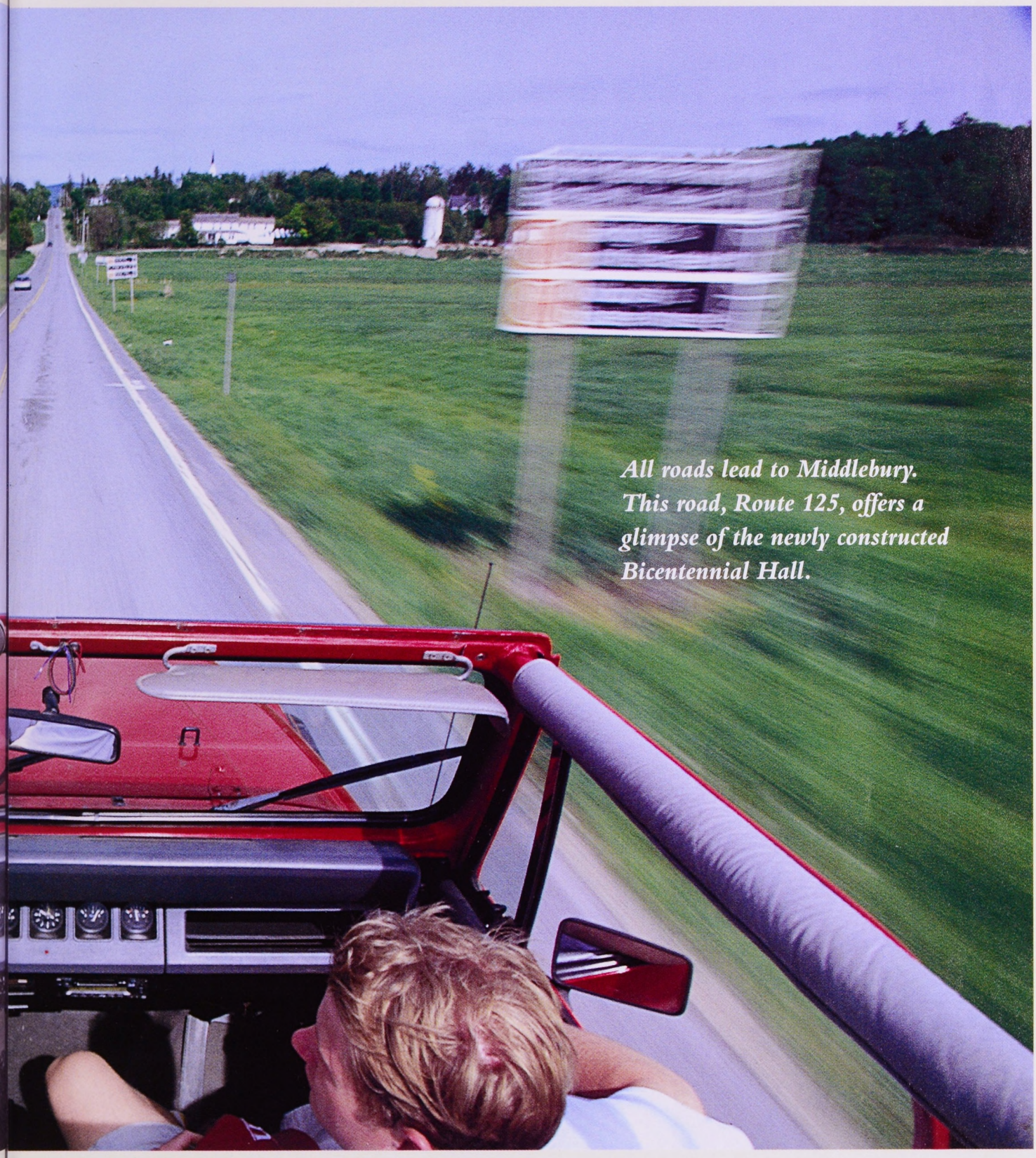

All roads lead to Middlebury. This road, Route 125, offers a glimpse of the newly constructed Bicentennial Hall.

VIBRATIONS

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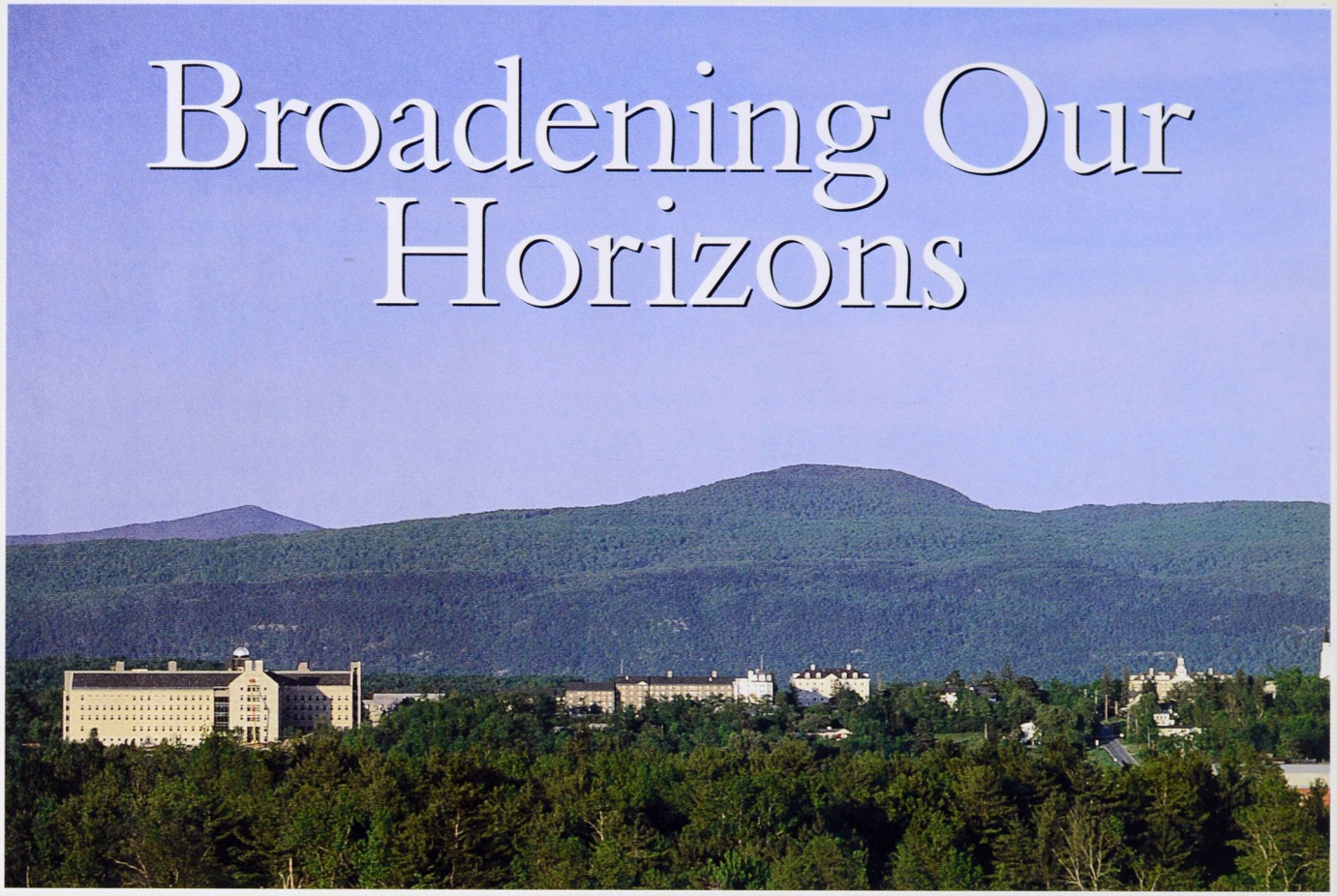
Broadening Our Horizons



You are invited to the dedication of Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury's new science center, during Homecoming Weekend, October 14-17.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Nicholas J. Clifford Symposium

"What is Life?"

Professor James F. Childress
Edwin B. Kyle Professor of Religious Studies and Professor of Medical Education, University of Virginia

Stephen Jay Gould
Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology, Harvard University

Above: Bicentennial Hall against the backdrop of the Green Mountains by Bob Handelman.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Science Media Panel

John Noble Wilford
The science correspondent for the *New York Times* moderates a discussion of the intellectual and ethical issues journalists face in their reporting of scientific discovery. Panelists are Paula Aspell, executive producer of *Nova*; John Rennie, writer for *Scientific American*; and Boyce Rensberger, director of Knight Science Journalism Fellowships at MIT.

Clifford Symposium Panel

Maggie O'Brien
The president of St. Mary's College of Maryland, moderates.

Tours and Demonstrations

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Dedication and Convocation

The ceremonial opening of Bicentennial Hall

Alumni Achievement Awards

For more information about Homecoming Weekend, see page 65 in this magazine.

JULY

San Diego *July 9,* Padres vs. Texas Rangers,

Seattle *July 13,* Faculty Lecture, Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies John Elder

Baltimore *July 18,* Orioles vs. Mets

Middlebury *July 27,* Wine Tasting at the Swift House

AUGUST

New Haven, CT *August 5,* Reception

Middlebury *August 8,* Addison County Alumni and Parent Reception, President and Mrs. McCardell

SEPTEMBER

Middlebury *September 1-5,* Alumni College XXIV

Middlebury *September 5,* Men's Alumni Soccer/Punderson Cup

OCTOBER

Baltimore *October 7,* Reception/Faculty Lecture, Secretary of the College Eric Davis

Middlebury *October 15-17,* Homecoming Weekend

Middlebury *October 15-17,* WRMC 50th Reunion Celebration

Middlebury *October 17,* Women's Alumnae Soccer

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REACCREDITATION PUBLIC NOTICE

Middlebury College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit from October 17 through 20, 1999, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is one of eight accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the United States Department of Education, accredits approximately 200 institutions in the six-state New England region.

Middlebury College has been accredited by the Commission since 1929, and was last reviewed in 1990. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year, Middlebury College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:
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Written, signed comments (must be received by October 20, 1999) must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution and will not be treated as confidential. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

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GATHERINGS

MCAA

On Friday, May 28, 11 Middlebury alumni and friends began a five-day canoe trip in Montana following the trail of Lewis & Clark on the Missouri River. This was the first co-sponsored trip with Middlebury and the Voyageur Outward Bound School of Minnesota. The concept of the trip began two years ago with Tom Pohlad '82, former member of the Voyageur Board of Trustees and active Middlebury volunteer in the Twin Cities. As Tom put it, "I wanted to combine the resources of two educational institutions which have had a life-long impact on me."

The trip featured John Elder, Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies, who led an engaged group of Lewis & Clark enthusiasts, aspiring writers, and advocates for the outdoors in discussions around the campfire each evening. Topics ranged from the diaries of Lewis & Clark and selected Native American readings to issues facing colleges and universities and alternatives to outdoor experiential education. Professor Elder also led journal writing exercises and nature sketching as we hiked near landmarks such as Hole-In-The-Wall, a spot referenced in our required reading for the course: *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*, by Stephen Ambrose.

We were also fortunate to have Kate Pound '82 as a member of our brigade. Kate, who received a Watson Fellowship after graduating from Middlebury and went on for her doctorate in geology, works for the Minnesota Geological Survey. Kate was able to offer to the group an added component by explaining many of the physical elements of the hills and meadows which lined our course.

Pictured above: Kate Pound, Johnnie Hyde, Laurie Pohlad, Kevin McAteer, Dave Backler, John Elder, Tom Pohlad, Nancy Beekman, Bonnie Blackailer, Caroline Dayton, Jud Dayton

The Lewis & Clark invitational is just one of several events which the alumni in the Twin Cities have initiated. Earlier in May, Tom Pohlad '82, along with Anders '85 and Sally Lindwall Knutzen '84, organized an alumni luncheon with featured guest Jim Ralph '82, associate professor of history. If you are interested in forming an official chapter of the MCAA in the Twin Cities, please call Tom Pohlad at 612-338-8714.

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On St. Patrick's Day 1999, the mayor of Port St. Lucie, FL, proclaimed a **Carolyne Hayward Reed** Day in honor of her birthday. She was honored by the Port St. Lucie Woman's Club with a special luncheon. Most of the guests wore green and the birthday cake, balloons, streamers, and table decorations carried out the green and white theme. Carolyne herself wore a green print dress, with an orchid corsage on her shoulder and a snappy green felt bowler hat. She was honored by representatives of two churches she had helped to found, was made an honorary life member of the Woman's Club, was presented the proclamation from the City of Port St. Lucie, and received a certificate of appreciation on behalf of all veterans for her service in the armed forces. She served as an Army nurse in World War II, when she organized and set up the 97th general hospital overseas, staying on in Frankfort, Germany, at the end of the war until the hospital she had started was fully operational. She later worked with the Veterans Administration in St. Petersburg and Miami, FL. We salute her and extend the congratulations of her friends in the Middlebury College community.

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

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Jeanne Thève Portelance reports that her great-granddaughter, Michaela Love, started her first semester at Middlebury this February. Michaela is a graduate of Pomfret School in CT. ✷ We are grateful to Margaret Wiley Thomson '41 for sending news of her cousin, **Elizabeth Hack Simons**, who lives in Saratoga Springs, NY (#76E Embury Apartments; 12866). Peg writes: "I get to chat with her now and then. Almost totally blind, she keeps in good spirits and enjoys having the Newsletter read to her." The daughter of Edgar "Cap" Wiley '13 and Pruda Harwood Wiley '12, Peg grew up in Middlebury and remembers when her father and Storrs Lee '28 created the first Newsletter and she proofread the articles for them. Peg still has the alumni plaques which were presented to both of her parents.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).*

"A stately rustic campus set amid a postcard from heaven, in the shadow of the Green Mountains, surrounded by dairy farms and ski lifts, is an unorthodox setting for a hockey dynasty." You'll be reading this description of Middlebury in the summer, but it was written in March on the occasion of Middlebury's fifth consecutive Div. III Hockey Championship, by Boston Globe Sportswriter Bob Duffy. I wrote to thank him for his fine series of articles. I confess that I couldn't resist telling him about two consecutive hockey championships in 1926-27 and 1927-28. The 1929 *Kaleidoscope* recounts the '28 story: "In spite of weather conditions, with **Carleton Simmons** as captain and coach, the Panthers won the Vermont Championship by defeating UVM and Norwich in a winning season, in which they were defeated only by Brown." "Simmie" was joined by **Hal Whittemore** and **Ralph "Red" Hill**. The Kaleid account includes a photo of the team in action on the outdoor rink we remember, at the foot of the hill, with Hepburn in the background and with loyal fans standing, sharing the cold. These contemporary successes and the new hockey rink are wonderful, but we're proud of our classmates' part in the saga. ✷ **Helen Revere Hatch** and I have been trying to reach **Eva Marshall Douglas** in Penney Farms, FL, and this time when I called she answered the phone. In fact she said she counts on the telephone to keep in touch with her widely scattered family members. She is happy with the care she is receiving, is walking, but not dancing. Vision problems have kept her from writing, but she promises to write poetry, just for us. She was delighted to hear about Prof. Freeman. The winning telephone number is 904-284-8612. She appreciates calls, but asks us to let the phone ring, giving her time to get to it. Good advice for all of us. ✷ No luck finding **Jane French Douglass** yet. ✷ In **Elizabeth Hayes Balch**'s last note she reported two inches of snow. Snow is a rarity in Rogue River, OR. ✷ If you chance to visit Concord, MA, you will witness another rarity—a trolley running about town, uninhibited by tracks. It's a Cambridge-to-Concord, historic-literary opportunity for tourists. It's a bus, of course, but painted realistically enough to be startling. ✷ I wish for all of you a pleasant summer, with special summer birthday wishes to **Helen Bailey, Storrs Lee, "Tib" Moody Rice**, and **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall**. Be in touch.

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

It was, of course, sad to hear that **Johnnie (Morris) Johnson** had died. But it was good to hear from **Newt Baker**, who kept in touch with Johnnie, that John was a great favorite in his community and very forceful in launching farm cooperative agencies. Of course he was always loyal to Middlebury. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **Dorothy Dietz Lobban** on April 5. Dot married **Richard A. Lobban** in Mead Chapel on September 16, 1933. Dick's parents, James and Sarah Scoles Lobban, were both Middlebury graduates. Dick died in 1991. We extend the sympathy of the class to the family, including son Richard Jr., daughters Jean Lobban Thompson '57 and Sarah Lobban Decker '61, seven granddaughters (including Betsy Thompson Serlemitsos '86), and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials for Johnnie and Dot appear elsewhere in this issue. ✷ By the time this reaches you, our 70th Reunion at Middlebury will be over. A full report will be included in the next column.

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We regret to report the death of **Howard Huntress** on January 4 in Chapel Hill, NC. Although he only attended Middlebury for two years before going on to graduate from MIT, he was a dedicated supporter of Middlebury and served the College in many capacities. As a class agent, he wrote hundreds of personal letters encouraging others to support the College. As he put it several years ago, "Middlebury means a lot to me, even more than MIT, because of the congenial campus life." He and Eleanor lived in Suffern, NY, for 45 years before retiring to Chapel Hill about 10 years ago. She preceded him in death in 1997. We send the condolences of the class to his family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View, #218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.*

Walt Crocker was in for a big surprise on May 1! A secret 90th birthday celebration brought friends and family members from far and wide to the home of daughter Carole Levesque in Portland, ME. Wife Elsa was on hand and daughter Eloise flew in from Kalamazoo, MI. Grandson Michael Levesque of Portland was there. Grandson Krister Friday flew in from Lansing, MI, where he is working toward a Ph.D. in English. Granddaughter Anya Friday flew in from Chicago, where she works in magazine advertising. Walt's brother and sister-in-law came over from VT and a number of other long-time friends traveled to Portland. Another huge surprise was the appearance of **Dick Fear**, who drove up from NJ and quickly assumed the life-of-the-party role. Dick told a number of college stories about Walt, expertly embellished to emphasize the humor. Walt was thrilled to see everyone and pronounced the party a great success! In addition to celebrating Walt's birthday (May 6), the gathering also celebrated the 60th anniversary of Walt and Elsa's marriage on May 20, 1939. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Frances Everett Hanchett** on September 26, 1998, in Fairbanks, AK. Frances and her husband, John, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in December 1997. He died on December 17, 1998.

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Class Secretaries: *Volunteers are needed to help with newsgathering for the Class of 1932. Please address inquiries to Dotty McCarty, Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

With 12 grandchildren, **Ella Congdon Purple** welcomed her first *great*-grandson on January 11. Samuel Richard Purple was born in Salt Lake City, UT. ✷ A family reunion last August at Lake St. Catherine in Wells, VT, brought together Betsy Taylor '69, **Gray** and **Georgiana Hulett Taylor**, Susannah Church '97, and Georgiana Ward Strickland '50. Betsy is the daughter of the Taylors and Susannah is their granddaughter. Georgiana Strickland, now retired from the editorial staff of the Univ. of Kentucky Press, continues her interest in Emily Dickinson. The two Georgianas are first cousins, once removed.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430, and Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

We regret to report the January 4 death of **Rollin (Ring) Pratt** and send the sympathy of the class to his family. Ring started attending Alumni College in its first year and attended for many years. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✷ **Ruth Nodding Hopkins, Mary Omwake Dearborn**, and **Mary Duryee Weeks** were off for an April Elderhostel in Hampton, VA. They were also spending three additional nights in Williamsburg and planned to see Doris Hiller Lynch '35 of Chapel Hill, NC.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Last November, **Sands Burchard Robart** flew to England for a 10-day visit. While there she enjoyed visiting with friends in Oxford and on the Welsh border. Sands was traveling with her friend, Dorothy Tucker, with whom she had worked at the NH Mental Health Assoc. ✷ **Elizabeth Brown Hoffman** writes: "My watercolor 'Ice Sculpture' has been selected to be included in the 1999 annual traveling art show sponsored by NYAHSA and NYAHSA Service, Inc. The art exhibit will be shown in eight different locations throughout NY State and will complete its tour of the state by the first week in November." ✷ Years ago, **Allen Flagg** and his family lived in Norwich, VT, while he worked for Trumbull Nelson Construction in Hanover, NH. In 1979 he retired and they relocated in FL to enjoy golf, tennis, and the sun. They have also enjoyed trips to Europe—especially England, Scotland, and Wales, where they have relatives. ✷ **Polly (Mary) Moore LaCroix** became a great-grandmother with the birth of great-grandson Tyler Robert on January 16. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Howard J. Kelly** on January 7 and extend the sympathy of the class to his family. ✷ We are also sorry to report the death of **Douglas L. Jocelyn** on February 12. Our condolences go to daughter Mary Jocelyn Stock '64 and sons Douglas Jr. '61 and Robert Jocelyn '70. Grandson Nicholas Jocelyn is a student at Middlebury in the class of 2002. Doug Sr. was a member of Chi Psi, Blue Key, Waubanakee, and a founding member of the Mountain Club. He played varsity football and was on the track team. Doug served in the Navy during World War II and vowed that he would move back to Hawaii someday. He did so in 1961, when he left his work in MI and became VP of Gaspro, Inc., in HI. After he retired he enjoyed being on the beach at the Outrigger Canoe Club and playing golf with friends at Oahu Country Club. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

Dick Fear '31 and Walt Crocker '31 celebrate nine decades (see 1931 column)

Gray and Georgiana Hulett Taylor '32 enjoy family reunion (see 1932 column)

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

A delightfully unexpected call brought news of **Arnold LaForce**. He and Isobel are enjoying retirement, but are unhappy with some of the problems of growing older. Arnie still advises some old clients, plays bridge, and goes to concerts and therapy. That is a familiar mix for many of us. He has finally sold the apartment in Naples. The days of carefree travel are now happy memories. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Carl Calkins** on December 18 and **Donald Miles** on January 11. The class sends heartfelt sympathy to their families, especially their wives, Ellen Calkins and Marguerite Miles. ✷ **Ruth Stetson Kavanaugh** finds that advancing age has many restraints, but remembers with pleasure skiing at Midd. After graduation she spent four years teaching in VT and was active in the establishment of Okemo, another skiing area. ✷ Bob and **Jessie Gibson Prouty** have moved to an apartment, where they appreciate the freedom from yard work. Although Jessie has given up golf, she keeps busy with a son and his family nearby and a grandchild's wedding to look forward to. ✷ At the home of one of **Doris Anderson Carlson**'s sisters, her extended and close knit family gathered on December 27 to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Doris and Eric. Her account depicted a jolly, informal, and thoroughly delightful celebration. ✷ Congratulations are also in order to Howard and **Faith Arnold Diver**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last July on Cape Cod.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Odd Fellows Home, 200 Pleasant St., #273, Concord, NH 03301.*

Stan Gage has come full circle since leaving Middlebury in 1934. After Harvard Dental School he practiced dentistry in suburban New York and retired to Ripton in 1977. Now, after wife Wilma's death, he has returned to Middlebury 65 years after his departure. Remembering the 17 pet dogs that meant so much to him and to Wilma and their children, Stan now volunteers as a dog walker. The Middlebury animal shelter appreciates his help and has introduced him to a special dog of a Dutch breed called a keeshond, a spaniel type of about 50 pounds. So the dog was saved from a lethal injection and both Stan and the dog enjoy their daily walks. In a recent telephone conversation with **Angus Brooks**, Stan also spoke about his lessons

HATS OFF TO KIDS!

MATTHEW MCKAY is six years old now and already he has faced some serious health challenges. Matthew's long medical treatment process inspired his father, Harold McKay '83, to get involved with a program called Caps for Kids.

Caps for Kids gathers hats signed by celebrities for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. Hats have come in signed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Wayne Gretzky, Jimmy Buffet, and Mickey Mouse, among others.

There are 30 children's cancer treatment centers in the U.S. and Canada participating in this program. And this is where YOU come in. You can get a cap and do whatever it takes to get someone famous among your acquaintances to sign the cap to cheer a child. Use your imagination, pull strings, connive!

Then send the cap to Harold and he'll make sure it gets to a kid who will appreciate it very much. Harold's address is 2172 Gardenway Drive, Orleans, Ontario, Canada K4A 3S4.

in the computer world. Some of us need a grandchild to set the car clock twice a year, but Stan has taken computer lessons and is doing quite well. Nevertheless, he sometimes requires a nearby 16-year-old to untangle unexpected problems. It's good to hear from Stan and we enjoy knowing that he has returned to such a special town and lives close to such a beautiful campus. ✷ **Bob Braunwarth** speaks appreciatively of President Moody—"a wonderful man who did a lot for me when help was needed during the Depression years"—and of Professor Voter—"who guided my admission into medical school." Today, with poor eyesight, Bob reads with some difficulty. Now being older and wiser, we spoke of the lost opportunities of staying in touch with the professors who were our mentors, wishing we could share some of the good things that have happened to all of us since our four years with them at Middlebury. Bob's wife, Ann, is deep into genetic engineering and its relationship to health and longevity, as recently reported in the *Smithsonian* and *Time* magazine, both concerning "T cells." ✷ **George Robbins** writes that he has a "tired back, which has curtailed my activities. However, I am still active in the Retired Officers Club, and I am on the board of directors for the National Defense of Executive Reserves. Also do consulting work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency." ✷ Angus enjoyed a telephone conversation recently with Russ **Philpott**, who spoke happily of **Mary Jane**'s swimming records that still stand in the Olympic pool at Westmount. He reports that Mary Jane is now in an excellent home, her aging process bringing the gradual loss of memory. Russ said she would be glad to hear from classmates at Chateau Westmount, 4860 Blvd. de Maison Neuve Ouest, Westmount, Quebec H3Z 3B2. ✷ It was pleasant to talk with **Cub Swett**, whose voice was as young as ever. He and his wife enjoy their retirement facility near Bridgeport, CT. After 30 years of coaching and teaching math in private schools, he was able to continue golf and skating until recently. We observed that college teams like ours in the '30s would not do well against high school teams today. He coached hockey, tennis, track, and football. In 1965 he was voted CT's Tennis Coach of the Year. Cub has degrees from Harvard (1946) and Columbia (1954), but more recently he enrolled in an Elderhostel to learn about computers. After the death of his first wife, Paula, he married Florence Canfield in 1966. She has two Middlebury grandchildren, Kristen Canfield McBurney '89 and Miles Canfield '92. Cub concludes, "I still drive my car, but stay close to home." ✷ **Bevalie Cone Pritchard** sounds quite well and active. She volunteers at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital and elsewhere. She especially likes to take courses at ILEAD (International Lifelong Education at Dartmouth), where she has been studying French. ✷ Unfortunately, both **Don** and **Carol Wheeler Easler** have had to give up golf. Don's back bothers him so much that he uses an electric cart to get around the house. Carol had a back operation a few years ago, then fell and broke her pelvis. They have a good attitude and feel fortunate to have each other. They have turned to other interests and one of their three sons got them started on the computer. They have eight grandchildren and seven great-grands, so they send a lot of e-mail to family and have family coming to see them often. ✷ **Mavis Jones Little** went to FL in early March. She and **Isabel Kinney Frakie** got together in Fort Myers and took a wonderful trip to Key West. Mavis also saw Natt '34 and Jo Knox Divoll '35 in FL and reports that they are fine. ✷ **Chris Conley Gifford** feels very fortunate to have her son, his wife, and a high-school-age granddaughter living with her now in Southern Pines, NC, a community she loves. Although still in good health, she feels it is time for her give up her favorite volunteer work at St. Joseph's of the Pines Hospital. ✷ Ray and **Harmony Buell Cobb** traveled to CA and OR to visit family in late February. They also saw **Dorothy Dollahite**, who recently broke her hip and moved from a nursing home to a private home closer to her daughter in Portland, OR. Harmony has always enjoyed music and even taught piano in the '50s when her children were growing up. They have a piano in Wellfleet, where they are busy gardening and entertaining in the summer. Since they have more time in Princeton, she decided to rent a Boston piano and found she could borrow sheet music from the Friends of Music at Princeton. Another way to keep our minds active! ✷ **Phyllis Sanderson** is amazing. I don't think many classmates could keep up with her busy schedule. More power to her.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

Bob and **Dottie Mathison Scott** traveled to Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar, and Morocco last summer, then returned to their Cape Cod house, which had been moved back from the threatening ocean. They hope that "an added sandbag sea wall will further protect it." ✷ **Beulah Shepard Towne** writes enthusiastically about her "growing mastery" of her new computer. Sheppie and Bruce spent Christmas in NC with daughter Barbara and family, followed by six weeks of touring old haunts around Melbourne Beach, Punta Gorda, and Vero Beach, FL. They returned north on Amtrak's Auto Train. ✷ After a visit to France, **Charles Harvi** devoted his efforts to "putting in a new septic system," but found time to drive to Hartford and also went to Boston to enjoy the symphony. ✷ Bill and **Rita Cosenza Moore** sold their home in Venice, FL, to "the first lookers on the first day," as they prepared to move to a new retirement center nearby. Residents of FL for 25 years and now great-grandparents, they feel fortunate that all four children and their families visit them often. ✷ Edward "Ric" Ricard writes that wife **Erma Wright Ricard**, our faithful class agent for many years, is recuperating at their MI home from an extended illness that began when they were in MA last summer. We send Erma our sincere wishes for a full and speedy recovery. ✷ Sue Tompkins Nichols '65 reports that her mother, **Carolyn Cozzio Tompkins**, is living with another daughter, Judi Morse, in Wareham, MA. Carolyn recently journeyed to Worcester for a luncheon reunion with **Doris Ryan Pitcher** and **Marion Wishart Packard**. ✷ **Frank Piskor** regrets he has "no news," but sends best wishes to all. ✷ **Barbara Gregory Hopkins** is able to use her right hand again for eating and writing following shoulder surgery. Once her "house arrest was lifted," she made plans for a Caribbean cruise. ✷ **Chuck Chase** sympathized with Barb, having fractured his shoulder last year. We are most appreciative to Chuck for his long service as our class secretary. ✷ **Marshall Sewell** returned from Vero Beach and Ormond Beach, FL, to find his mailbox full of welcome news from classmates. He thanks them all.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

From December 19 until January 4, **Becki Abbott Brooks** and son David visited son Peter and his family in France. "They have a six-year-old son who is bilingual and very smart. We all went to Paris a few times, as they live in the suburbs. On Christmas Eve we all went to the American Cathedral. Lovely!" ✷ **Helene Cosenza Chase** writes that she and Chuck '37 "have been adapting and adjusting to life at Kendal. Can hardly believe it will be one year at the end of April. Winter has raced by and we've taken the plunge into the computer world. We have an IMac and are very slow learners. But we'll hang in there. It's lovely to have Gatesie (**Elizabeth Gates Tuttle**) and Tut here." ✷ In Concord, NH, the continuing care retirement community, under the auspices of the United Church of Christ, consists of two campuses located a mile apart. **Jane Abbott Barry** is enjoying living on the Heritage Heights Campus. **Madeline**

Buttles is situated happily on the Havenwood Campus. They usually meet about once a week, at which time some of their conversation will always be of Middlebury. ✷ From **Nonny Allen Leslie**'s daughter, Mary Leslie Hanscom '63: "Thank you for your continued love and prayers for Mother. We continue to learn and be inspired by her patience, persistence, courage, faith, love, and sense of humor, as she works to regain control of her body. With some arm/hand assistance, she can still beat most of us (now numbering 41 children, grandchildren, and spouses) at any table game!" ✷ On March 23, Dale and **Janet Randall Morgan** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. On March 21 their children honored them with a luncheon at a restaurant in Vernon, CT. From all reports it was indeed a very special gathering. There were 40 in all, which included children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Your classmates send you both our belated congratulations.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence Ln., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

We regret to report the death of **Richard Sabra** on January 12. His extra-curricular activities at Middlebury included Chi Psi Fraternity and the Mountain Club, managing the freshman football team, and serving as the assistant manager of the "Saxonian." Richard wrote of Middlebury at the time of our 50th Reunion: "The experiences shared with my college friends and associates provided me with the foundation upon which I have been able to build my professional and personal life." His career in the public sector was outlined in a memorial in the spring issue. We extend the sympathy of the class to his wife, Anne, and the family. ✷ **Loring Lane** writes: "We spent our fall vacation on Maui. We really like this place. Third trip there since 1985. Hope to make the 60th." ✷ **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** report that Tom had a cataract operation and, as of late March, is much pleased with the result. Their granddaughter, Jennifer, married Mike Wagner in October; the two are finishing college at Plattsburgh College. Grandson Andre teaches child development at West Point, NY; grandson Nicholas attends St. Michael's in VT; and grandson Steve is a freshman in high school. Gert has been in touch with **Marjorie Marsh Verroneau** and reports she does enjoy hearing from friends. Gert also reports speaking with **Dot Wing Davenport** on the phone. Her new address is 5397 D Young St., Halifax, NS B3K 1Z5, Canada; phone 902-454-8104. ✷ **Madaline Uhl Prior** wrote: "Sorry I can't join the reuning crowd. Two grandsons graduate from high school in May and a granddaughter's wedding is coming soon." ✷ By the time this magazine appears in July, we hope to have seen many of you at the 60th! A full report will appear in our column in the fall issue.

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Class Secretary: *Marjorie Burditt Striker, 211 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773.*

Louise Gove Hawkins was delighted, on her 80th birthday, to welcome several members of her family, including triplet great-grandsons and their parents, as well as daughter Mary Hawkins Sachs '65. ✷ **Talbot Hamlin** says that he is still editing "with pleasure" a series called TeacherSource, published by Heinle and Heinle. ✷ **Elizabeth Bucher** wrote when she had "just returned from a Cleveland Orchestra concert." Elizabeth has "moved to a retirement community and so far I love it—lots of nice people and a pleasant house to live in." ✷ **Charles English** has a new address: GT 402, 7446 Spring Valley Rd., Springfield, VA 22150. He's looking forward to our 60th Reunion. ✷ **Esther Korn Kerschner** sent the sad news of husband Ira's death on December 12, 1997. "This news explains the lack of happy accounts of more travels. I'm staying close to home these days." ✷ "Our news," writes **Paul Eriksson**, "is the usual geriatric type stuff. We (Paul and Peggy Woods Eriksson '42) are more or less aging on schedule and looking forward to outdoor weather." ✷ "I spend the day getting through the day," says **Glenn Leggett**. "But otherwise I write a few things, keep track of where the children (6) and grandchildren (13) are and what they're doing, and now somehow the grandchildren have produced two children of their own and planning on more, all of which means I'm an aging but happy patriarch. I'm still looking forward to the 60th in 2000." "The El Niño-La Niña combination," writes **David Goodell**, "has drastically shortened our X-C season. We (David and Polly Ruby Goodell '41) did manage about 10 days of X-C and that fits not too badly with our current capacity for moderately strenuous exercise. Last August, we did have a great cruise up, and then down, the coast of Norway. Fabulous scenery and mostly good weather." ✷ **Betty Miller Palen** was planning a trip to Rapid City, SD, for a visit with her grandson and great-grandson. She also looked forward to seeing the great stone faces. ✷ I (**Marj Burditt Striker**) am still dividing my time between visits with grandchildren and facilitating non-violence workshops in several prisons. Both sets of people add constantly to my education. My thanks to all who responded so quickly with news. ✷ **Bob Anderson** has offered to assist in this class enterprise, for which I am very grateful. I have sent him a list of men to contact and urge the men the supply him with news. ✷ In Schenectady, **Almy Coggeshall** and Anne are increasingly absorbed in their church and community affairs. Almy, who recently celebrated his 82nd birthday, is looking forward to our 60th Reunion—and "climbing Snake Mountain like we used to do just before the start of World War II."

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Class Secretary: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), RR 1, Box 86A, Walton, NY 13856.*

Margaret Wiley Thomson, of Westfield, MA, keeps in touch with her cousin, Elizabeth Hack Simons '27, who lives in Saratoga Springs, NY. Peg writes: "I get to chat with her now and then. Almost totally blind, she keeps in good spirits and enjoys having the Newsletter read to her." Peg grew up in Middlebury and remembers proof reading early issues of the Newsletter for her father and Storrs Lee '28. Peg still has the alumni plaques which were presented to her parents, Edgar "Cap" Wiley '13 and Pruda Harwood Wiley '12. Peg transferred after two years and graduated from The New England Conservatory in Boston. **Jan Eldredge Day** was her roommate in Hillcrest during freshman year. "What a pity we lost her last year. There was never anyone more enthused about Middlebury." ✷ We regret to report the death of **A. William Sweet** on November 5, 1998. ✷ We lost another classmate on February 24 with the death of **John D. Connor**. Condolences go to his wife, Ruth, to his sister, **Jean Connor**, and to all the family. ✷ **Connie Girard Brown** reports that she is happily settled in her new apartment. She was to have a second hip replacement the first week of March at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, to be followed by rehab at Helen Hayes Center. ✷ **Peg Williams Rhodes** seems to have hit a plateau in her recovery from a stroke. She can't be up and about and would enjoy hearing from some of her classmates. Notes sent to her home address will reach her. ✷ **Jane Skillman Sara** and **Margaret Shaub** (Shaubie) were recently in the Washington area, where they enjoyed lunch with **Marge Barkdull** and **Audrey Hope**. ✷ Congratulations to **Jean Connor**, who recently retired as the librarian at Wake Robin. Jean was honored for starting and developing a flourishing library in the six years since the community opened. It has now officially been named the Jean Connor Library. ✷ Contrary to rumors, **Debby Mayo Beattie** is not in a retirement home, but doing very well, thank you, in her own home. ✷ Finally a reminder that contributions to the Class of '41 Memorial Fund make a very appropriate way to memorialize deceased classmates. When contributing to the Annual Fund or any other College fund, ask that your contribution be credited to the Class of '41 Memorial Fund.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

A late Christmas letter, perhaps delivered by dog sled, informs us that **Charlie** and **Ruth Taylor Clapper** will be attending the wedding of their fourth grandson in AK this year. They also welcomed a new great-grandbaby in May. The Clappers seem to have recovered their health, after two years of problems. Daughter Bonnie has her master's in education, concentrating on learning disabilities; daughter Becky is a certified holistic nurse—the only one in AK. ✷ **Ken Cosgrove** writes that their grandchildren now number 15—"and we're amazed at the athletic and academic achievements of our offspring. I am still working part time. We and our expanding family enjoy our second home on Bald Head Island." ✷ **Joan Calley Cooper** writes that she's in fine fettle and blessed with good health. She returned from her March trip to Italy and was preparing for her safari across the country to her summer home in NH. ✷ We (the **Bateses**) had a five-week jaunt to southern CA, AZ, and Mexico. Did the Copper Canyon trip—not the colors of Grand Canyon, but a deep ditch. We visited **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** at their attractive home in Green Valley. We left before the April snows. I (Nancy) came home and promptly got sick and haven't felt up to getting on the phone to gather more news. I need help from you all on this. Drop me a line so that our column continues to keep us all in touch.

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Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Peripatetic **Kay Sempepos Silliman** and Cutler enjoyed a Panama Canal cruise on the Canadian-American Caribbean Cruise Line last winter. They had time for snorkeling, birding on the islands on either side of the isthmus, and visiting Indian tribes

in that area. Kay has scheduled our 57 1/2 Reunion for the August 30-September 3, 2000, time period, when Bread Loaf will be hosting the Alumni College. This will allow participation in Alumni College if desired, as well as facilitating reunion with friends from other classes who may be there. Make a note of those dates now in your day timers, under "future appointments." ✷ **Ted Peach** reported in a note of March '99 that the balance in the Class of 1943's Memorial Fund was $5005. The William '42 and **Virginia Wynn Wood** Memorial Fund, now at $31,054, has been moved to its own endowed account as the Wood Memorial Book Fund. The **Frederick W. Lapham, Jr.**, Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides aid to any deserving Middlebury student, is now valued at $30,614. ✷ **Paul Liehr** now lives in Grass Valley, CA, about 20 miles from **Ted Peach** in Nevada City, CA. He hears from Ted occasionally. After a successful triple coronary artery bypass operation in August 1998, Paul has been making a slow-but-steady recovery. He occasionally visits his brother in Dover, DE, so we'll try to get him to combine a visit there with our 57 1/2 Reunion next year. ✷ Jim and **Mandy Sanborne Krieble** were planning a summer move from Shaker Heights, OH, to Kendal in Hanover, NH (Apt. 314, 80 Lyme Rd., 03755). They will spend as much of the rest of the season as possible at their cottage on Lake Willoughby in Westmore, VT. ✷ **Carolyn Ohlander DePodwin** writes from Maplewood, NJ: "Unlike most mid-70s, we (Inky and Dutch '44) are still unretired. However, that is about to change, and it remains to be seen if we can 'survive' retirement and all that seems to involve! We do look forward to greater opportunities to be with our six grandchildren, all of whom are in the greater metropolitan area, ranging in age from 6 to 20. Our best to all of you." ✷ Continuing on the mend, **Lew Haines** says he's 80 to 90 percent back to normal. He now drives his car, walks without a cane, and can run to a limited extent. He has even tried playing a bit of tennis and cross-country skiing, but finds that the reflexes and muscles aren't yet in true "Haines form." His granddaughter, Kikkan Randall, is now #2 in Alaska in cross-country skiing. We hope that Lew is steering her toward Middlebury. ✷ Mandy reports that **Donna Rogers Brackett** expects to be at Goose Rocks Beach, ME, during the month of June, when she'll be "reviving" an old sailboat. ✷ Rod and **Ginny Clemens Lowman** joined a February '98 Elderhostel, "Canada West by Train," traveling west from Toronto to Vancouver, with stops in Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Jasper National Park. Still quite active with the Girl Scouts in Long Island, they used spare time during the trip to visit the national Girl Guide office in Toronto and the provincial offices in each province they toured. Rod is still historian for the local and regional sections of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. In September, they attended Ginny's 60th high school reunion in Milford, CT. They hosted their 10th annual patio supper for students and alumni of International House in NY; in February, they were inducted into the I-House Sweetheart Society, for couples who met at the House. In addition to keeping up with children and grandchildren, they have a vegetable garden, serve on the gardens council, work out in a fitness center, and swim at the Y three times a week. They spent their holiday season on an Elderhostel in Antarctica—where there are no Girl Scouts, but they planned to meet some in Buenos Aires along the way. ✷ **Marty Newton Van Gaasbeck** writes of "a great two-week trip in September to Turkey and Greece with a widowed friend. Highlight of the trip was a week's cruise on the Aegean in a relatively small sailing vessel as we visited the Greek Islands. As has been customary for quite a few years, I spent three winter months in FL, so I missed some of your winter weather." She looks forward to our 57 1/2. ✷ The **Does** also look forward to our 57 1/2. They report a good apple season, followed by a good Christmas tree season. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Roderick J. Hemphill** on February 15, 1999. On the phone early in 1998, he seemed to have achieved a comfortable compromise with life's vicissitudes, and one sensed that he was accomplishing a great deal of good in his teaching and in his work with recovering alcoholics. It's not possible to think of Rod without recalling with nostalgia that feeling of joy as his wonderful music from the chapel carillon rang across the campus at dusk on Sunday evenings, calling us together at the end of another week. With his playing, he contributed much to our lives during those years, surely more than he realized. We send the sympathy of the class to all the family, especially his wife, Anong; his daughters; and his brothers, Dixon F. Hemphill '49 and David L. Hemphill '52. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

This time our column is somewhat of a fool's errand. By the time you read it, almost everyone will know almost everything about almost everyone. Why? Because our 55th Reunion will be a memory. Our thanks to those who offered to help us with making the arrangements for the event. We hope you all had a great time. Here are a few pre-reunion items we were able to gather. Bill and **Betty Mercer McChrystal** will leave our reunion and head for Switzerland to visit their daughter and her husband. ✷ We were sorry to hear from **Jean Milligan** that her brother had died recently. ✷ We missed a call from **Stod** and **Lenore Jenkins Johnson** while they were visiting our daughter in FL in March. ✷ Sister **Althea Hall Jackson** writes from Saint Augustine, FL, where she is "one of nine paid columnists, writing weekly column for the two-page 'Neighbors' section of the daily *St. Augustine Record*. We cover all of St. Johns County, FL. My area (West Augustine) includes the Catholic high school, the main county library, and several public schools, and the technical center. My picture appears with my column." She belongs to the Society of Mary, the Marists. She notes that her maiden name was omitted from "our lovely Reunion Class Directory." She also notes that **Jean Hebert** should be listed as a man and that **Kathryn Smith**'s maiden name was **Guernsey**. You weren't the only one who noted those errors, Althea!

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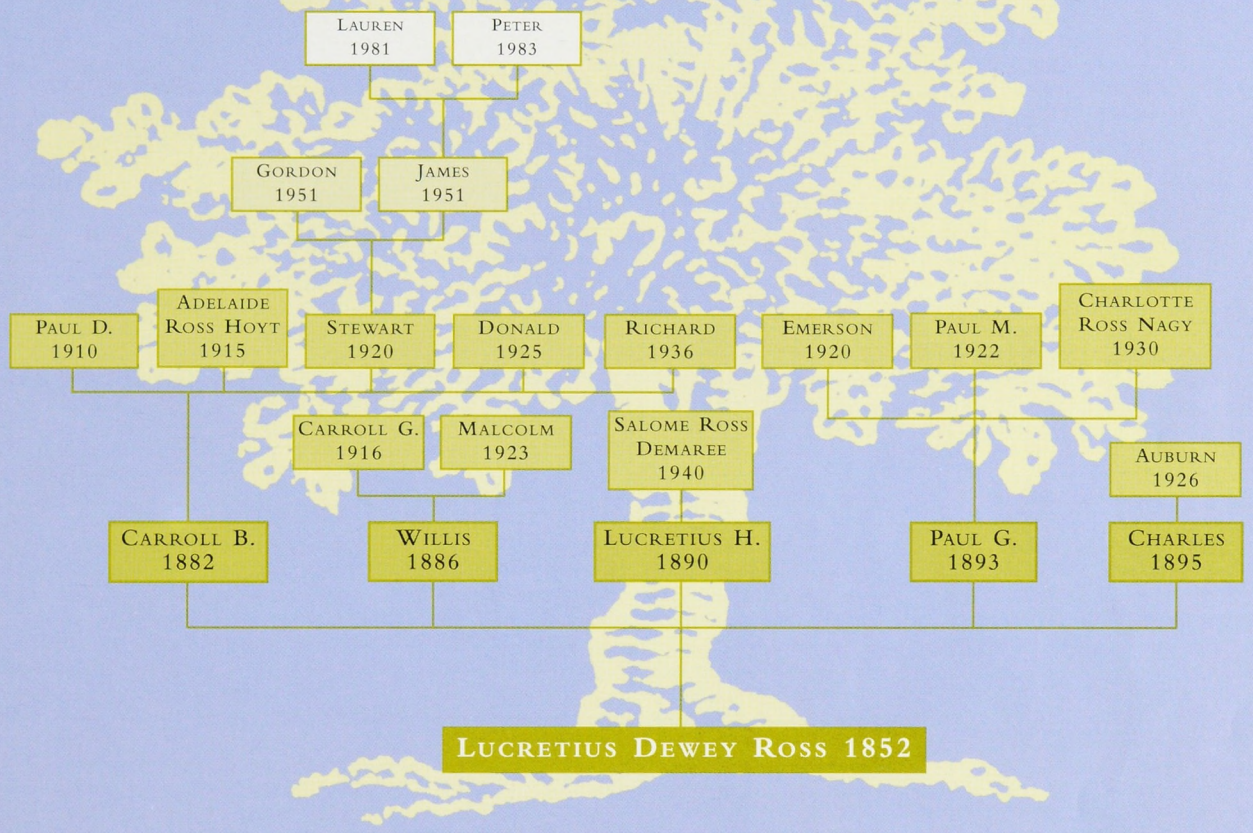
Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald A. Stearns (Shirley Miller), 166-25 Powells Cove Blvd, Beechurst, NY 11357; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Proud soccer grandmom **Dru (Barbara) Drury Sand** reports that high school senior granddaughter Kayla Sand and her South Kingstown, RI, soccer team has won the MetLife state championship two years in a row. Dru and husband Barrett were there to share in the finals excitement. Three grandsons also play soccer, so Dru and her husband provide lots of cheering and support. Their children and grandchildren all still live in RI. Dru had hoped Kyla would go to Middlebury, but she has opted for a six-year sports medicine work study program at Ithaca. As for the soccer grandmom herself, Dru is glad to say that her June 1998 hip replacement is doing very well! ✷ With no El Niño this year, CA was wonderful, according to **Ruth Collins Shikes**, who spent time with friends and relatives in La Jolla and San Francisco. A reunion with two NJ grammar school classmates was a joyful highlight. Back in NY, Ruth is equipped with Web TV and plans e-mailing, but first she was off to Ann Arbor to visit daughter Jennifer Haines and family, then a holiday in Eleuthra with Jennifer, Dave, grandson Connor (5), and grandson Nick Fredman (13). ✷ Retired Foreign Service officer **Don Gilmore** now calls himself a "vocational archaeologist." Since taking part in the State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program (SCRAP) in the late '80s, Don has enjoyed searching for ancient artifacts in 10 archaeological digs. Serving on the board of the NH Archaeological Society, he was elected president in 1997. Now he has co-edited a book—*Across Before Columbus?*—exploring the question of whether civilization blossomed in the Americas through independent invention or through diffusion from civilizations across the seas. Don and wife Nicki continue to climb the mountains of NH. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Helen Hutchins White** on November 29, 1998. The condolences of the class are extended to her daughter, Dabney White Dixon, and all the family. ✷ **Mew (Mary Elizabeth Wisotskey) McClellan** sent a searching provocative response to the General Catalog questionnaire: "Here I am at 75, trying to simplify my life of 'stuff' and habits, trying to leave the past, live in the present—and this form is calling me back to remember. I want future readers to know I was a good person, that I had a good life, that I am grateful for my Middlebury years and its associations. How can I do that with this form? I did not have a 'career.' I *did* have a fabulous life. Do they need a 'retired' section for those of us over 65 who may have a different view, a different value system? For those of us who have lived long enough to see patterns in our souls' journeys and are traveling to the beat of a different drummer than Madison Avenue? 'Volunteer' is a label that rings true for me. I volunteered to marry my husband, have our children, and help out those institutions whose values I supported (education, church, YWCA, day care, garden clubs, Hospice). I wrote a booklet for the Mercer Museum, so I can claim the 'author' label. 'Non-profit' is the category. Not for profit to whom? I got paid in satisfaction for a job well done, and many institutions benefited. The day care now has an endowment fund of over $100,000, thanks to my inspiration and know-how. The Princeton YWCA has a Bramwell House, purchased, renovated, and endowed by raising nearly a million dollars. The Dublin Post Office is landscaped with over $4,000 contributed in memorials from the garden club, a project I spear-headed and brought to completion in hands-on gardener's fashion. I shepherded an eight-page newspaper supplement of Hospice stories and services. So I have made contributions that count, even when it is money being counted. But since turning 70, I am on another tack. I am called to participate in healing. I have been in training to heal myself of my own wounds so that I can listen better; listen to your needs and the needs of

ROSS FAMILY TREE

DURING THE MIDDLEBURY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, we are keenly aware that our roots reach deep down into the past. Many of our Middlebury friends today have family connections reaching back in time, but few families can rival the Middlebury history of the Ross family, who can lay claim to 22 Middlebury graduates, spanning five generations.



my own soul. Yes, I am an exuberant dirt gardener. I grow what butterflies and hummingbirds and I like. Can I be a healer of the earth as well? Last November we laid out a labyrinth in a pine grove 50 yards into our woods. I walk it and invite my friends to walk it as a spiritual tool for themselves and for the earth they walk. (Do read *Walking a Sacred Path*, by Lauren Artress.) In May I participated in healing rituals around an ancient willow tree stump, cut from its moorings to clear the way for a park in Peterborough, NH. My intuition said 'wood sculpture,' and indeed a sculptor has been found, $15,000 will be raised, and the stump will be transformed and live again. I also see clients as a practitioner in the Monadnock Healing Arts Center and in their homes or nursing homes. My work is about helping to bring wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. Physics says everything is energy and I want to be a vehicle for healing energy to flow. (Read *Molecules of Emotion*, by Candace B. Pert.) Money is energy. The idea of 'career' can be restated as 'How did you tie into the system and move some money around?' Money doesn't always do good. Love does. (Read *One Solitary Life*.) Am I doing what my soul came to do? I keep trying to be on that path. I smile to think what the General Catalog Co. would do with *One Solitary Life*. Who am I? What bells did I ring? How many brass rings did I catch? From 75 years looking back, what really matters in the long run?"

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Class Secretaries: Mary Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.) (nord7@earthlink.net), 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.) (camshaw@sover.net), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

We received a postcard from **Vava Stafford Brown**, who was in New Zealand with husband Ross. Those who don't enjoy air travel will be happy to learn from Va that you don't have to fly to NZ. Simply make your way to L.A. and take a cruise ship! All you need is time! Va's brief description made New Zealand sound wonderful. ✷ Small World Department: **Betty "Hurdle" Hurd Wyant** wrote to **Marilyn "Breezie" Arey McGeehan**, telling her that **Dolores "Dee" Balzac Wiemann** seems to have the same address as Breezie's new one in Stuart, FL. It turns out that Breezie sees Dee almost every day, as they are both involved in all sorts of activities, such as "hooking rugs, mahjong, rummikube, water aerobics," etc. Dee had her son and granddaughter with her in February and was going to Centerport, L.I., in May to visit her daughter. ✷ Attempting to contact **Jeanne (Pic) Picard Johnson** to beg for news, I was informed that she and Art were vacationing at Hilton Head. That sounds like good news to me! ✷ **Lee Taylor Baggett** has been busy in Jacksonville, FL. Son Dave lives not too far away. Son Rick, wife Shirley, and their five children lived in Jacksonville until recently. They are now at Guantanamo Bay. Lee pitched in and helped take care of her grandchildren when Rick first went to Cuba. She was planning a trip this spring to see the base and the family. John (16) is putting a Blazer in tip-top shape; Danielle (14) is into scuba diving, sailing, and golf; Nicholas (9) is "an outdoor guy;" and Kimberley and Kelly (5) are twins. Lee was heading to VT this summer to spend a couple of weeks at

their family cottage on Echo Lake. She says "hi" to everyone. ✷ **Jane Ringlund Pippin** is enjoying the good life in their cozy nook in SC. She said that she's "in the same place, doing the same thing." ✷ **Betty Moulton Clark** is another who claims to be "doing the same thing I've been doing for years." She doubted that anyone would want to know that she had spent the afternoon planting pansies and raking leaves, but she was wrong. All of us would want to know! Betty spends two mornings a week at the Literacy Center, attends a book group once a month, and takes care of her granddaughter from time to time. She talks on the phone with **Fran Tenney Coombs** and **Gladys "Swiftie" Swift Seibert**. ✷ **Connie Armitage Wallace** tells us that she retired two and a half years ago, after working many years at the Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, NY. She became the grandmother of Melinda Ritter (daughter Marcie's baby) last October. She was planning a trip to Pittsburgh to visit the Ritters and see how the baby has grown. In the summertime, Connie's interest is her big vegetable garden, right on Lake Otsego. She said that when it gets too hot working in the garden, she can just go jump in the lake! ✷ **Connie Smith Carpenter** and husband John are still traveling! Last fall they had a wonderful trip to Ireland as well as a September Elderhostel in CA. This spring they were planning another Elderhostel in Hampton, VA, followed by a drive across the state to play some golf at Wintergreen, a golf and ski resort in the mountains. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Nancy "Liz" Depuy Kramer** on January 30. She attended Middlebury in our freshman year, living at Hillside Cottage. We send the condolences of the class to her daughters, Caroline Kramer and Betsy Robson, and to all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 520 Stanwich Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831.*

The return of spring and better travel weather seems to encourage trips, both short and long, among our retired and very active classmates. The VT group had a good turnout for its March 11 luncheon gathering in Randolph, despite a sudden snowstorm. With **Jean Davis Battey** in charge of news gathering, they collected much of the news for this column. Jean is busy with volunteering in school and the public library, and she also has three active grandsons. Her travels have been to NC and ME. A slight change in her mail address (48 Hopkins Rd.) is the result of the new 911 system. ✷ **Sue Carr Pauli** notes that VT had lots of snow this winter and the cross-country skiing was excellent. She even attended an excellent cross-country Elderhostel in Craftsbury and recommends it highly to other fans of the sport. ✷ **Joyce Walsh Heath** made her third trip of the year to Panama, again visiting daughter Nancy and family. A 16-year-old granddaughter accompanied her. Joyce expects a new destination for her travels soon, as Nancy and family will move to Puerto Rico. From her home in Brandon, VT, Joyce gets to special events occasionally at the College—most recently the Winter Carnival Ice Show at the New Chip Kenyon Arena. She reports this is a "spectacular new addition to the College." ✷ **Alice Neef Perine** and Gordie '49 chaired the Addison County United Way annual fund drive. She was glad to report they reached their goal of $520,000 and can now relax. Congratulations on a job well done! ✷ Although she only travels to visit children, **Anita Strassel Tiemann** has been to Seattle, New Orleans, Dallas, and Boston! She also reports delightedly on grandchildren, including a pair of twins (4), a new baby boy, and a girl (3). ✷ **Peg Armstrong Igleheart** rhapsodized on the beautiful snow falling on the luncheon day and surely all of us can recall the soft beauties of VT winters at Midd. (We'll forget the slush and mud for now!) Peggy spoke of plans to head south to GA for an Elderhostel, and Easter in Atlanta with grandchildren sounded delightful. ✷ **Lauraine Goodrich** has taken a Manhattan apartment and a mid-town studio, where she is progressing joyously with decorating and furniture. This meets a long-held desire for her. ✷ **Elizabeth Galloway Masterson** has been appointed an interim trustee of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, Inc. Betty has been head of volunteers for projects at the Coolidge Foundation since 1993. She is also coordinator of volunteers for special events at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Woodstock. She still does volunteer taping for the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Betty and husband Jim retired to VT in 1990. ✷ **Lynn Bruhn** graciously invited this class secretary (Jinny) to stay with her and attend the Randolph gathering, but the snow prevented Lynn from attending and other commitments kept me in CT. Lynn was snug in her Arlington home with new puppy Magnolia, a Yorkshire terrier, who is "a holy terror," but awfully cute. Perhaps I can get over from the ME cottage to experience the July 29 luncheon of the VT group and sample Lynn's hospitality. Meanwhile, I'm much involved with the 250th anniversary activities of my church in Northford. Founded in 1750, the year 2000 is a major milestone and I have designed a stationery emblem for it. (Several years ago one of my designs became the hymnal bookplate.) We celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2000 and several of our classmates are having golden anniversaries. ✷ We congratulate George and **Susie Gard Knox** on their 50th, which came last September. Their children hosted a dinner for family and friends. Susie and George live in Newport News, VA. George retired from the military 32 years ago. Susie trains cocker spaniels, competing in dog trials and instructing classes. They are active volunteers in the community and George, who retired from the Shipyard in 1982, keeps busy with golf and fishing. ✷ **Laura-Lee Hopkins Pike** and husband Milton '45 celebrated their 50th last summer at a ranch in CO, where 17 family members, including their three children and families, gathered for a week of family socializing and daily riding. ✷ A call to **Virginia Lee Costello** brought the news that she has established her own office at home as a consultant in instructional design and course development for corporations and organizations in the Boston area. Her joy and enthusiasm came through very clearly, and we know she has a fine background for this work. We wish her much success. ✷ Besides undertaking design and other church activities, **Jinny Stowell James** anticipated a visit in Chesapeake, VA, in April, then prepared for the summer move to New Harbor, ME, site of many scenes in filming *Message in a Bottle* last year, with Kevin Costner and Paul Newman. It was fun to watch the movie and see so many familiar scenes shot near my cottage and recognize many of the local boats and docks. Hopefully some of the classmates who get to ME this summer will come over for a mini-reunion. ✷ **Ruth Britton Gore** sends special thanks to all who sent cards, best wishes, and visits during her recent serious illness. She has been swimming for pleasure and muscle build-up, and she's now on the road to complete recovery, although she says it may take a year. Britt and husband Bob '49 were happily anticipating his 50th Reunion at Midd this spring. ✷ It is always good to hear about our Class of 1947 Scholarship recipient from the stewardship coordinator. Majoring in anthropology and art, our recipient is a member of the swim team and plays intramural soccer. This fall she will study abroad. After Middlebury she wants to do volunteer work in Third World nations, hoping to work in something "related to people and art." She writes: "Middlebury is giving me the opportunity to experience the arts and humanities with great vigor, and it is helping me to develop my mind more than ever before. That is the wonderful aspect of a small liberal arts college like Middlebury." We quote her at length because it is very good for all of us to realize where our gifts to the College in the name of our Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund are going. Let's keep supporting such outstanding students.

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Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert, (medrg01@moravian.edu), 3660 Walt Whitman Ln., Bethlehem, PA 18017.*

Parker and **Mary Hicks VanHoogenstyn** celebrated 47 years of marriage on June 21. They spent the first week of their honeymoon in 1952 in Ocean Park, ME, the same community in which they have chosen to spend their retirement years. They live in a house built in 1936 by Parker's parents. Mary has served on the PTA and Parker is very involved with several nature conservation groups in southern ME. They both volunteer at the Southern Maine Medical Center and keep active with weekly bowling and regular swimming at the Univ. of New England indoor pool. At the First Parish Congregational Church in Saco, Mary sings in the choir and Parker serves on the Christian education committee. Parker reports that they "do a lot of things as a couple and that's what really counts." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Roy L. Hunt** on December 22. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Mary Pitz Hunt '47, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✷ **Merritt "Barney" Neil** died at his home on March 20, 1999. He came to Middlebury from Pittsford, VT, joining the class as a veteran of the Air Corps. A psychology major, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. With an M.A. in public health from the Univ. of MI, he worked in both VT and OH in the field of social work and health administration for many years. He was a long-term volunteer on aging and health care boards, and he held many service positions in his church. Barney and Ruth enjoyed visiting son Bill during Bill's period as pastor of the Middlebury Methodist Church. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✷ **Rasjad Moore Bin Abdulla** writes in early January: "I regret I missed our 50th but was pleased and impressed to receive the class portraits/autobiographies. Last September I married Asmah Binto Adam at the Islamic Religious Affairs Dept. in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia. We are living in Bintulu, Sarawak (Borneo) until Asmah retires, after which we'll return to Yarraman, Queensland, for winter down under."

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.*

Barbara Myers ("Buzz") **White** was in Tucson visiting her brother, Neil Myers '51,

last February. ✷ **Dave Thompson** and I (Pat) have been very busy with preparations for our 50th Reunion in May. We would like to thank our classmates for the good response we have received. We also thank our classmates who have been working on committees to make our 50th a success. When this edition of the class notes reaches you, reunion will already be a memory, but we will be sharing our memories in the next column. Look for a full reunion report in the fall issue. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Rosemarie Hermann Metcalf** on January 8. The condolences of the class go to her husband, Richard R. Metcalf '50, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✷ The Class of 1949 Scholarship Fund was put to good use this past academic year by a junior majoring in psychology (with a possible minor in teacher education). This fund is an important part of Middlebury's financial aid program and it is our generosity that helps students like our scholarship recipient attend Middlebury. Thanks to all who contribute.

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Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkeb@idt.net), 13 Burnham Pl., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545); and Ms. Barbara Kraft Packer (fapjr@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

Reunion Update: Post this on your refrigerator and save the dates! Our 50th Reunion will take place June 1-4, 2000. We will stay in Coffrin Hall. Plans are well underway with volunteer helpers being sought in every area. **John O'Connor** and **Frank McNamee** will co-chair social events, representing the men's interests; **Barbara Kraft Packer** and **Barbara Parker** co-chair for the women; and our invaluable **Sid Kay** will head up the fund raising. **Lois Rapp McIlwain** and **Barbara Parker** have volunteered to edit the yearbook. Please start collecting and sending memorabilia (photos, anecdotes, reminiscences) to Barbara Parker. **Carol Carlton Hentz** and **Ginny Hardy Moser**, who live in Middlebury, keep in close touch with the Alumni Office during the early stages of planning social events. Please let them and/or your class secretaries know what you'd like to do. We're all collecting ideas. ✷ Here's an update on what our classmates are up to lately: In Malvern, PA, Bill McIlwain '51 is now retired and holds down the fort while **Lois Rapp McIlwain** works part time as public relations director for a party rental company in King of Prussia, PA. Her 92-year-old mother suffered a slight stroke and is now living with them. Their son lives in PA and their daughter in TX. One child of **Harry** and **Marianne Ughetta Brew** lives near the McIlwains, who look forward to seeing the parents when they visit. ✷ **Rufus Cushman** has also agreed to help with reunion. When contacted he had just returned from wife Carolyn's 50th reunion at Dennison in OH. Son Phil '81 is in Napa Valley, CA; another son is a doctor in family practice at UConn; a daughter is a physical therapist in Rutland. Rufus is the director of planned giving for the United Church of Christ. For 22 years, he has been involved (mostly as chair) with the Midd Alumni Admissions Program for western MA. He and Carolyn sing with the Springfield Symphony Chorus. ✷ Julie and **Jack Henty** recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. Says Jack, "Life in Charleston (SC) is good. We live on the Charleston Country Club golf course and play lots of golf. Also Julie and I like to travel—usually one trip abroad a year, a few weeks in Hamilton, NY, each summer and a couple of shorter trips mixed in." Obviously two hip replacements (which he attributes to "trying to play football at Middlebury") haven't cramped Jack's lifestyle. ✷ **Nancy Vogt Agry** juggles frequent golf rounds with her sales promotion career. She has moved her office to her Greenwich, CT, home, where she claims to have a special secretary: "It's my golden retriever, who unfortunately doesn't type." You will remember that Nancy's husband, Warren, became an honorary member of the Class of '50 for rescuing the slide show when the projector broke down at an earlier reunion. ✷ Robert '49 and **Genie Reinbrecht Parker** moved to Chatham, MA (on Cape Cod), after Bob retired as a stockbroker in 1990. In between sailing and tennis they enjoy visiting their five grandchildren, who live in Halifax (NS), NM, and Cambridge, NY. ✷ We have another published author in our midst! **Joan Kent Warnke** recently published *Frogquest*, a whimsical book with illustrations done by her grand niece and published by Lagniappe Ink, $10. ✷ Our hyper-involved **Jane Murdoch Baker** has hit the press again, this time for her work helping women in the Brattleboro, VT, area cope with breast cancer, of which she is a survivor. The article appeared in a special section of the *Brattleboro Reformer*, entitled "Local Heroes." Jane also works with Ladies First, an organization that helps women get mammograms when they can't afford them. ✷ **Barbara Parker** is now grateful for those dreadful education courses she took at Middlebury. A certified teacher of English for life in NJ (does this sound like a prison sentence?), she juggles short-term teaching with free lance journalism. During a recent two-month period, she taught everything from kindergarten to first-grade music to sixth-grade shop to English as a second language to high school chemistry, with more in between. Does she really know how to do all that? Have you ever heard of faking it? She's now applying for a regular English position, maybe part time. ✷ Our current Class of 1950 Scholarship recipient is studying in Australia, while majoring in computer science. ✷ We'd love it if you would all send us your e-mail and/or fax addresses so that we can get in touch with you all more easily. Meanwhile, please send us notes, cards—anything to keep us up on your activities.

AKA QUIZ MALES by Jackie Moore '47

NAME	NICKNAME
1. Louis Armstrong	A. The Brown Bomber
2. Chester A. Arthur	B. Buffalo Bill
3. Thomas H. Benton	C. Dr. Seuss
4. William C. Bryant	D. The Father of American Poets
5. John Chapman	E. The Father of West Point
6. Henry Clay	F. General Tom Thumb
7. Samuel Clemens	G. The Gentleman Boss
8. William Cody	H. The Great Pacificator
9. Jimmy Durante	I. The Grey Ghost
10. Thomas Edison	J. Johnny Appleseed
11. Benjamin Franklin	K. Light-Horse Harry
12. Theodore S. Geisel	L. The Lone Eagle
13. Andrew Jackson	M. The March King
14. Thomas J. Jackson	N. Mark Twain
15. Henry Lee	O. O. Henry
16. Charles Lindbergh	P. Old Blood and Guts
17. Vachel Lindsay	Q. Old Blue Eyes
18. Joe Louis	R. Old Bullion
19. Francis Marion	S. Old Hickory
20. John Moseby	T. The Swamp Fox
21. George S. Patton, Jr.	U. Poor Richard
22. William S. Porter	V. The Quaker Poet
23. Frank Sinatra	W. Satchmo
24. John P. Sousa	X. Schnozzola
25. Charles S. Stratton	Y. Stonewall Jackson
26. Sylvanus Thayer	Z. Tennessee Williams
27. John G. Whittier	#. The Vagabond Poet
28. Thomas L. Williams	+. The Wizard of Menlo Park

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Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, 1019 Cinder Mill Rd., Cornwall, VT 05753.*

We are indebted to "T" Tall '65 for letting us know about a surprise event in Middlebury honoring our own **Jim Ross.** At the March 10 Rotary Club meeting, the introduction began as follows: "Member of a well-known Vermont family, Navy vet, avid sports enthusiast, quiet donor of assistance to the Vermont business community, wise member of innumerable boards, keeper of the Christmas

lights, Oscar Meyer's biggest customer—these characteristics only begin to describe tonight's recipient of the Stephen A. Freeman Award: James D. Ross." Accolades interspersed with roastings continued, as his many contributions to the community were enumerated. Although retired as business manager

Jane Rupp Cooke '52 and Carol Whitham Brewster '52 (see 1952 column)

of the College in 1965, he still serves as a consultant. He was also cited for serving on the boards of "virtually all important Middlebury-area nonprofit organizations," including Cornwall School board (where he was also the moving force behind Cornwall's successful fundraising effort to build a school without resorting to taxation), Otter Valley School board, Middlebury Union High School board, Vermont State School Director's Association, Porter Medical Center (23 years, including terms as treasurer and VP), deacon of the Middlebury Congregational Church, Addison district board of the Chittenden Bank, and coach of the Middlebury Junior Ski Team for almost 17 years. Having served the Addison County Chamber of Commerce since 1972, that organization recognized Jim's dedication by naming him its Citizen of the Year in 1989. As the unofficial facilities' manager of the Addison County Home and Garden Show, "vendors have come to realize that if they need a left-handed widget to hold one of their products in place, Jim will probably have several of them in his pocket." Jim also took a roasting for his "absolute addiction to hot dogs." "When the new Kenyon Ice Arena opened at the College in January, hundreds of fans showed up to sample the beauty of this new facility. Not Ross. When asked what he liked most about it, he replied: 'The hot dogs!'" One of the many jobs Jim does, without any expectation of recognition, is his untiring work with businesses and organizations throughout Vermont to make facilities more accessible to people with disabilities. Known to some as "the Ramp Man," he offers his expertise free of charge. Two institutions that benefit from his untiring efforts are the Addison County Counseling Service and the Community Action Group. Last, but not least, we learn that Jim is the unsung hero who sees that the town's Christmas decorations are carefully stored and installed each year. Congratulations, Jim, for an honor richly deserved. ✷ In other news, **Betty Gale Woods** left wintry Burlington, VT, behind and flew south to Rye, NY, to visit **Carolyn Sackett Coleburn**. They went to see the bright lights of Broadway and stopped by my (Meg's) home for tea. Later in the week we saw a Lincoln Center matinee. Good to catch up in person! ✷ **Joan Hunter Kent**, now in Portland, OR, has had a traveling life. She and her English-Swiss husband, Peter—whom she met in Europe the summer before our junior year and married in June '51—have had homes in TX, OH, and MO. Joan received her MSW in her 50s and worked as a medical social worker. Then more adventures: In the early '90s, Peter's work with the UN took them to Africa—Botswana, Leshoto, and three years in Gambia. Joan loved the "ex-pat" life and would take off again; recently "just" to New Zealand to see relatives. ✷ Continuing education advocate **Polly Upson Kahler**'s first graduate degree was in industrial psychology, then to Columbia Univ. for a degree as an occupational therapist. Later she received a Ph.D. in education and was on the faculty of the Univ. of FL. A lifelong interest in genealogy led to professional work in that field and also to a published book. Polly and husband Fred live in Ocala, FL. Seven years ago, Polly had open-heart surgery, with six by passes. Now she has renal dialysis three times a week, but she sounded upbeat and cheery. Polly, best wishes to you and Fred. ✷ A long-time resident of Birmingham, MI, **Jean Schmitt Fitzsimmons** began her career as a teacher of gifted children, and that evolved into a career in psychotherapy. She

South Florida Midd Golf Classic (see 1953 column)

continues her practice, but has retired from the busy travel schedule she had while teaching in Norway, Germany, and France at training centers for the International Institute for Bio Energetic Analysis. In the early '60s, Jean and her family spent three years at a university campus outside Tokyo. One of her sons served with the Peace Corps in Thailand and is now headed to Egypt on a development project. Her other son lives nearby with Jean's granddaughter, Caitlin (11). Weekends Jean spends at her island cottage, crossing the lake by boat in summer and over ice in the winter!

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Class Secretaries: *Carol Whitham Brewster, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, P.O. Box 3446, 17 Vineyard Ave., Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.*

Pat Hammond Foot writes: "We live on the Philadelphia Main Line, having lived in Schenectady, Minneapolis, Phoenix, and France. My husband Ted and I have eight children—five are mine!—and 10 grandkids. We retire to Orleans on

Barbara Brown Power '53 and Jean Overhysser Arneberg '53 (see 1953 column)

Cape Cod in January 2000." ✷ **Chuck Ratté** reports: "We're beginning to see the end of our renovations of the old farmhouse on Martha's Vineyard. It has been fun, but much more time consuming than building a new house. I hope to be back to normal by June." ✷ We look forward to seeing **Rod Griffis** and wife Georgia at our 50th. Rod went to business school at Babson, but was drafted into the army before completion. He spent his military service time in France—"a good place to fight the Korean War," as he puts it. Returning from France, he studied acting in NYC, where he met and married his acting partner, Georgia. He describes her as an exceptionally talented actress, a teacher, a wonderful wife, mother, and cook. Rod and Georgia ran a dinner theatre for five years in Buffalo, Rod's hometown. Rod—who uses the name "Guy" for theatre purposes—has played in summer playhouse, off-Broadway, stock theatre, and Shakespeare Touring Festival. He starred as Hal Carter in *Picnic* and had a key role in *Blessing*, a movie you can rent about a dairy farmer's struggle for survival. He's now doing TV commercials and has Broadway ambitions. Rod keeps the brass polished on his sailboat and enjoys family visits from three children and three grandchildren. ✷ **Sandy Bowser** has made a good recovery from his July '98 heart attack. He and wife Kathy continue to run a Montessori School in Boca Raton, FL, but they plan to sell the school and retire. Son Jonathan now flies for Alaska Airlines, after 14 years as a pilot with the U.S. Air Force. Jonathan and wife Carol, who recently graduated from law school, live in Washington State. ✷ **Marilyn Brindley Labé** and husband Peter have lived for the past 30 years in Darien, CT, where she has been active in volunteer work as well as playing tennis, golf, and paddle tennis. Son James, married and living in CA, is president of a venture capital firm. Son Thomas, a concert pianist, has played at Carnegie Hall and has three CDs on the market. Thomas and his concert pianist wife have a daughter, Brin's cherished granddaughter. The Labés have a summer home in New London, NH, and recently purchased a winter retreat in Vero Beach, FL. ✷ On a recent visit with **Polly Norton Polstein**, I (Carol) learned that her son, Matthew, and his wife, Wendy, are building a new home on the Penobscot River in Millinocket, ME, near his thriving New England Outdoor Center, which offers white-water rafting, canoeing, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. ✷ In Austin, TX, **Rosemary Dellinger Garner** is kept busy with conservative

think tanks and the university, along with managing trust funds for nine grandchildren. She writes: "Have had good letters from Emmy and Holmsie. Had back rebuilt and then we were off to Hilton Head (loved seeing Jim '50 and Beth Huey Newman '51 and **Bill Huey**'s wife, Ellen), NYC, Chicago, Europe, Hilton Head, and a freighter trip to Mexico and South America. Now we are enjoying city apartment and river cottage in the beautiful Austin spring." ✷ John and **Carol Holmes Phillips** had a close call in February when chimney repair debris caused a carbon monoxide buildup in their home. Their daughter found them after they had been unconscious for 24 hours; they then spent five days in the hospital. They've had to cancel their Elderhostel cycling trip in France this spring. We wish them well as they continue to recover. ✷ Other winter hazards this year included avalanches, which Jim and **Jane Rupp Cooke** and **Carol Whitham Brewster** managed to avoid in the French Alps while skiing there during a three-day snowstorm in knee-deep powder. The Swiss Alps offered better conditions a second week in Zermatt, with great skiing from the Kleine Matterhorn down into Italy for a pasta lunch in Cervinia. In March Jane and Jim drove out to CO for the Masters Alpine Skiing Nationals and Internationals at Vail, stopping in Jamesville, NY, for a visit with **Peg Lewis West**, who was on the Midd Women's Ski Team with Jane. ✷ Humor is healing and **Caryl Entwistle Huffaker**'s March letter brought that to your class secretary, recuperating from viral pneumonia upon returning from Europe. Caryl writes: "What news? Well, I am still writing society, humor columns, and features for the *Kennett Paper*, which has won the award for the best weekly newspaper in PA for the second year. We have also just been bought by a combine with 61 newspapers so who knows how things may change. I so enjoy my work I shall probably continue as long as I can see to drive. Bill is semi-retired after 45 years with DuPont, but works from time to time. We have three children. Miles, with our only two grandchildren, works for Monsanto in agriculture in South Hero, VT. Turner, a computer geek, works for St. Goban out of Muncie, IN. Hillary, a

In San Francisco, a Middlebury wine tasting (see 1954 column)

teacher and very successful coach, is in Far Hills, NJ. We feel they are great successes: they are all gainfully employed, no one has been in jail, and none of them live at home. We travel a lot, and expect to stay in our current home until one of us dies, and then the other one can deal with eight dumpsters worth of total trash we have accumulated. Is that enough verbage for your column? Or I could tell you about winning the Nobel Prize for Despondent Literature, the Academy Award for Supporting Actress in that great film "Doing It at Dunmore" (I was the one peeking through the bushes), or my plans to run against Hillary Rodham for a Senate seat. Hope this helps." It did! ✷ **Jonna Mauritzen Durden** saw Hope and **Bob Morgan** last winter in Mexico Beach, FL, where Jonna has been living for two years. Like most of us, she enjoys hearing from friends she hasn't seen in a while—and she hadn't seen the Morgans in 38 years! ✷ The March 19 *New York Times* carried the obituary of A. Doak Barnett, husband of **Jeanne Badeau Barnett**. In a four-column article he is described as a leading scholar and government adviser on China, who held teaching posts at Columbia and Johns Hopkins universities as well as serving a long stint at the Brookings Institute in Washington, DC. The Class of '52 extends our sympathy to Jeanne and her two daughters. ✷ The recipient of the Class of 1952 Scholarship for the past academic year has been a junior from ME, majoring in psychology. Our class's support of financial aid at Middlebury enables the College to offer this aid to all qualified students.

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Nancy Clemens Crosby sends news of her marriage on April 3 to Philemon (Pete) H. Truesdale, Jr. They were married at her mother's home and were off on a brief honeymoon to AZ. They will reside in South Dartmouth and Westport, MA. Congratulations and best wishes! ✷ Still teaching basic math, **Laura Chapman Rico** is also coordinating tutoring and doing Christian education. "Bought a used Ethan Allen china cabinet for my daughter and explained who Ethan Allen was." ✷ **Bill (Millard) Davis** sent news of his winter Hawaiian sojourn: "While Ginny went off parasailing, I took to the ocean as a snorkler. Imagine (though you've probably done it in some fashion) floating along like a dirigible above colorful corals, paddling lazily after darting fish and, most of all, staring into cups in coral rock at yellow and purple spikes of sea urchins. I had bought a 24-exposure throwaway underwater camera and then climbed out on the beach for another, 27-shot one. Film speed: ASA 400. Davis speed: maybe 1/4 knots in various directions as the jostling waves admitted." Before his trip, Bill e-mailed your class secretaries that he is doing another book. He has been invited to be an editor/writer for the *Master Gardener Manual* for the state of NJ (funded by Rutgers Univ.) and he'll also be on the Pinelands Planning Committee in NJ. "If only I'd worked so hard while a student at Midd!" he says. That could be said about many of us, Bill! ✷ **Valerie Shumaker Cosgrove** reports that she finally retired from teaching French and Spanish, allowing "time to travel at leisure abroad and between our houses in Chicago and Ft. Myers, FL. In the last year and a half, enjoyed a month in Greece and Istanbul, two trips to Ireland, 10 days in Beijing, 10 days in NYC, a 5,500-mile trip to Edmonton (Alberta), Banff, Jasper, Sun Valley, etc. Sorry to miss out on reunion." ✷ Small worlds collided at the Harvard Business School 45th reunion last year. **Barbara Brown Power** was there with husband Jeffrey, who roomed at school with Tor Arneberg, husband of **Jean Overhysser Arneberg**. ✷ Once again the two-day South Florida Midd Golf Classic was held in Venice, attended by 22 golfers and 5 shoppers.

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PROFILE

A FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

LAST SUMMER Joan and Barry Croland '59 celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Middlebury. But this was not their first family gathering in Middlebury. Barry has very happy memories of his years at Middlebury and he takes great pleasure in sharing this special place with his family.

Barry and Joan often came for reunions, but what they wanted to do was enjoy being in Middlebury with the whole family. So about 13 years ago they brought the clan for Homecoming and that began a tradition of everyone returning to Middlebury for a week every summer. While Joan and Barry's parents were living, the visits included four generations. In the evenings when the adults go out for dinner at their favorite local restaurants, the children get to play with their favorite local babysitters, who have enjoyed taking care of the children each summer.

Barry says they all enjoy the peaceful feel of being in Middlebury, doing "local stuff with the kids," going to the Ben Franklin store, swimming in the town pool, going to the lake. As you can tell from the photo, it's a low-key, old-fashioned kind of family fun.

The four Croland offspring are Heidi (front, second from left), Jennifer '87 (next to Heidi), Richard (top right), and Lizabeth '84 (top left). The whole clan lives in New Jersey and, when they arrive in Middlebury this summer, they're bringing a brand new grandchild to be introduced to summer in Vermont.

We asked the Crolands how they have stayed married so long and why they seem so happy? To which Barry replied, "Joan is not only my wife of 40 years, but she's my friend of 47 years. We met in high school. We were married December 20, 1958, and we're very happy."

Ceddie Sherrer flew in from Bend, OR; the Morrises and Sandy Ireland drove down from SC and GA; and the Allens came in from MD. Other attendees are indigenous to the "Sunshine State" in the winter. Enjoying the Florida sunshine were **Don Beers** and fiancee Avgela Guagliardo, Gloria and Tony Romano '51, Audrey and Larry DeGrechie, **Irv** and Ellie Hight '51 **Morris**, Eileen and Dave (Scooter) Paulson '52, **Ceddie Sherrer** and Sue Gorman, Billy '54 and Pat Gibbs Carpenter '55, **Fish** and Ann Decker '54 **Herring**, Phyllis and **Bruce Mackay**, Nancy and Joe Fox '48, **Charles** and **Sue Valentine Jennings**, Sandy Ireland, Linda and **Dick Allen**, and Carol and **Buzz Tilton**. ✷ We had a nice e-mail from **Rik (Henrik) Thommessen**, whose news appeared in the spring issue. It's great fun to have this job because, thanks to e-mail in particular, one gets to hear from old friends! Keep those cards and letters (and e-mails) coming so we'll have lots of news for the next edition!

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Six members of the Class of '54 who live in the San Francisco area gathered in April to tap Gamalial Painter's cane and sample some Middlebury wine. The wine is from Monterey's J. Lohr vineyard, co-owned by J. and Carol Waldorf Lohr '58. The artful label was created by Woody Jackson '70 of Holy Cow enterprises in Middlebury. ✷ **Peter** and **Julie Howard Parker** were named California Tree Farmers of the Year in 1997. Their article in the autumn '98 edition of *Vermont Woodlands* outlines the difficulties faced by owners of forestland. The Parkers live three quarters of the year in northern CA, where they own 2,000 acres of redwood and Douglas fir timberland. They enjoy summers on their 200-acre hill farm of northern hardwoods in Granville, VT. In CA, small private land holdings are subject to the same regulations that govern big timber corporations. "When regulation reaches the point that any financial return is marginal," they point out, "the temptation arises to subdivide one's land or sell it for development." They much prefer the VT system that requires only that their use value plan be updated

every 10 years and that they articulate specific goals for the future. Sensing that the pressure of regulations may be coming to VT, they want to encourage awareness that self-regulation is the only deterrent to government regulation. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Tim Mason** on February 11. We are grateful to his good friend **Dick Bourbeau** for letting us know of his death. Dick and Tim were Sig Ep fraternity brothers and members of the football team at Middlebury. The condolences of the class go to Tim's wife, Luella, and their five children. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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News from **David** and **Jojo (Joanne) Kittell Corey**: "We are both completely retired now and enjoying every minute of it. When David retired after 40 years at the Experiment in International Living (now called World Learning), they gave him its highest honor—the Citation. His name is now on a plaque with people like Sargent Shriver, Ellsworth Bunker, and Rudolph Serkin. We have spent our time doing some great traveling—to AK, HI, Ireland, and short railroad excursions. Our two big interests are opera and hockey, and we are fortunate in being able to get to Glimmerglass (where we saw William Burden '86) in Cooperstown, the Lake George Opera Company, and occasionally the Met. We really like college hockey and get to RPI, UVM, UMass at Amherst, and (of course) Middlebury as much as we can. The new Kenyon Arena is incredible. Our combined family numbers 26—including Roger Gallagher '81, Martha Heckman Gallagher '82, and Sharon Corey '88. Keeping up with our nine grandchildren (all under the age of 8) takes a lot of time and ENERGY. We are looking forward to the reunion in 2000. Our e-mail address is: jkgall@sover.net. ✷ **Jerry Gross** is back in San Diego with a weekly sports call-in radio show on KPRZ-AM. Since his Middlebury radio days, Jerry has had a wide-ranging career in sportscasting, including St. Louis, San Diego, and Boulder. He did basketball play-by-play for the St. Louis (now Atlanta) Hawks, the Golden State Warriors, and the Indiana Pacers. He was the Game of the Week voice for national NBA telecasts on ABC and CBS; worked for CBS Radio, the Armed Forces Radio, USA Cable, and Hughes TV; and he has hosted shows with Gerald Riggs, Pete Rose, and Joe Namath. ✷ Featured in the Valentine's Day edition of the *Sunday New Haven Register* were **Stuart** and Paula Browne '57 **Johnson**, who celebrate their 45th anniversary this August. Their marriage was a big secret at the time, because Paula's parents were probably not too enthusiastic about seeing their only daughter leave school after one year "to follow a penniless boy to Harvard Graduate School." Paula has retired from teaching English at NYU. Stuart is a semi-retired marriage therapist, whose ideas about making marriage work figured prominently in Maggie Scarf's 1987 book, *Intimate Partners: Patterns in Love and Marriage*. Paula and Stuart reportedly met on the steps of the music library at Middlebury. Paula says, "Our marriage *is* a conversation," and their primary advice to other couples who would like to stay together is "Keep talking."

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Ann Case Holt retired from her parish, St. Thomas Church, Pittstown, NJ, in June. Those who came to our 25th Reunion will remember when Casey gave one of her first sermons from the pulpit at Mead Chapel. In the 17 years that she has been at St. Thomas Church, Casey has seen the congregation grow from 20 to 120 families. ✷ Barbara and **John Chase** were entertaining one of John's Middlebury roommates—**Marvin "Kip" Cheney**—in June. In the spring, the Chases were off on a safari to Botswana and Zimbabwe. ✷ The **Wheatleys** were also off on a cruise to the Caribbean with their three children and their spouses and five grandchildren. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Morgan B. Brainard III** on December 18, 1998. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Doris, and all the family. ✷ **Ted Whitcomb** is retiring from ABC News after 33 years as writer, editor, and senior editor. Ted and wife Carla have purchased a home in France and will be spending at least six months of the year there and the other six months in the southern U.S., perhaps SC or FL. Their new French home is in the town of Tanlay in Burgundy, about two hours from Paris and 45 minutes from Dijon. Ted reports that "there is a beautiful 16th century château in Tanley visited by about 80 thousand tourists each year. A golf course and tennis courts are within five minutes walk and the vineyards of Chablis are not far away." If you plan to be in the area, Ted invites you to give him a call at 011-33-3-86-75-87-49. He sends greetings to **Bill Meyer**, **Pete Salmon**, **Bill Willetts**, **Mal McCallum**, and all classmates at Midd. ✷ Please, classmates, send in your news. It's easy with e-mail!

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Harris Poor is a professional opera and oratorio singer in NYC. He has appeared as guest artist with the NYC Opera, the Boston Opera, the New York Philharmonic, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. He is also associated with BMG Music and teaches vocal students. But aside from all this, he has an unusual hobby. A collector of wind-up toys, his collection now exceeds 500 intricate items. Although Harris was inspired by his family's clock collection, his toy collection began with the gift of three wind-ups from his wife, LeVonne, 25 years ago. Last November he and his wife gave a demonstration of some of the toys for a group in Hudson, NY, including a brief history of the toys and a bit of social perspective. ✷ Another holiday season opener last November brought works by **Sabra Harwood Field** to the Woodstock Folk Art Prints and Antiquities show. In addition to her woodblock impressions of Vermont scenes, this show introduced works on the Italian countryside, no doubt inspired by her travels in Umbria with husband Spencer last spring. Another of Sabra's works, called "Frenchman's Bay," depicting a scene from Maine, has been included in XYLONG 13, an international exhibition of 200 relief prints now traveling throughout Europe.

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Belated best wishes to **Jane Coutant Evans** and William C. Ramsay, who were married on July 7, 1997. Jane reports that she has "married, retired, and moved." ✷ **Russ Christensen** recently returned from Nicaragua with a somber message: "Went down to see how my community could help after Hurricane Mitch. What I found was even more devastating. Nicaragua was returning to the times of Somoza when corruption, self-serving, and providing for the needs of the rich were the order of the day. The U.S. government is once again happy with this regime. The power and influence of our U.S. multinationals is returning." ✷ **Stephanie Eaton** reports that **Harry Seifert**, of Montreal, is president of Megaprobe, the largest corporate investigative office in Canada. ✷ On a sunny February afternoon, Steffi was on her way home from some legislative deliberations on funding education in NH, when she drove over to Hanover to see the **Grace Warder Harde** exhibition mentioned in the spring column. She was given the key to the Mayer Room at the Howe Library, where she immersed herself in Grace's work. She writes: "Thanks, Grace, for the creations and the invitation to view." Steffi also spotted the signature of Sabra Harwood Field '57 in the guest book.

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Dave and **Barbara Freeman Irving** recently became the proud grandparents of twin girls, thanks to daughter Carol. They now have four grandchildren. ✷ **Granthia Lavery Preston** and **Carolyn Parks Behr** spent a great month in India with a group of students studying textiles from Williams College. ✷ **Earle** and **Elizabeth Layer Hoyt** celebrated their 40th anniversary in France this spring. Earle retired from the chemistry dept. of Northern AZ Univ. four years ago. Their son, who also lives in Flagstaff, has twins, age 4. The Hoyts are both active in local issues, such as urban growth, open space, and wildlife. They spend each June at the Yellowstone Institute in Yellowstone Park. They recently enjoyed a vacation at the Brooks Lodge in AK's Catmai National Park, where they viewed grizzly bears (in a non-threatening situation). ✷ We regret to report the death of **Richard W. Heebner** on January 8. The condolences of the class go to his wife, Janice, daughter Amy Heebner '93, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✷ **Warren Lasell**, of Greeley, CO, has been the assessor of Wells County for eight years. and he has done administrative work for Northern CO Univ. and OH State. Wife Cathy is a fourth/fifth grade teacher. Daughter Beth '91 and her husband, Rich Compson '90, have a daughter (7 mos.). Son Brendan (Univ. of Chicago Ph.D. in math) is teaching at St. John's in Santa Fe, NM. Warren is in Rotary and serving on the boards of organizations concerned with child abuse and "Dollars for

Hispanic Scholars." He works out several times a week and downhill skis several times a year. ✷ Since taking early retirement from Atlantic Richfield in 1985, **Alex Jeffrey** has become a para-legal, a job offering more independence and flexibility. Wife Noel is a magazine writer/editor. Son Alex is a lawyer in NYC; son Douglas is applying to medical school. The Jeffreys enjoy watching the Rose Bowl Parade in their home-town of Pasadena. ✷ **Ed Fowler**'s six sons are employed in jobs from Greensboro, NC, to Portland, ME. Three sons are from Ed's second marriage to Helen. Ed swims, golfs, and chases his granddaughter. He says he doesn't want to go to a gym in the morning and then he's too tired at night, but his doctor tells him that he keeps getting younger! ✷ **Russell Miller** was out of the Army in 1961 and beginning a banking career in San Francisco, where he roomed with **Dean Beyer**, but was called back for the Berlin Wall crisis. Then he was retained for the Cuban missile crisis. Then he stayed, until retiring from Army intelligence as a full colonel in 1988. He and wife Dorothea enjoy the 365 days of outdoor weather on the East Coast of FL in New Smyrna Beach. He plays 18 holes of golf five days a week. They travel extensively in Europe. Their daughter has one son (2) and their attorney son recently married another attorney in Jacksonville. ✷ **Robert McGrath**, who was in the Army for two years before coming to Midd, will retire next year from more than 30 years of teaching art history at Dartmouth. His field is 19th and early 20th century American art; he has written four books and dozens of articles. He was helicoptered to a mountain top in British Columbia in April for the marriage of one of his four children. Son Felix, a member of the U.S. ski team, was the last American to stand on a winner's podium in Europe for alpine events. Bob skis, races on the Master's circuit, hikes, bikes, and plays tennis. He did the historic site study for the first national park in VT, the Marsh-Billings National Historic Park in Woodstock. He has also led many Dartmouth alumni art trips to Europe. Bob has been married to second wife Mary for five years. ✷ **Barry Croland**'s new law firm of 17 lawyers includes daughter Lizabeth Croland Sarakin '84. His 13-year-old granddaughter expects him to train her to be a lawyer, too. Barry and Joan have four children and 14 grandchildren (see photo and profile). Barry rented a bus to take 11 of the grandkids to the *Lion King* in NYC. In winter, Barry and Joan vacation in FL, where Barry enjoys golf. Barry was looking forward to our 40th Reunion and urging classmates to be there. He believes that we will be impressed by the wonderful changes in the campus and that classmates will pick up with each other as though they graduated last week. ✷ Hopefully you were all able to attend our 40th, as it will be history by the time you read this. It should be a great weekend, thanks to our chairs, **Anne Martin Hartmann** and **Roger Miller**, and their committees. There will be a full reunion report in the fall issue.

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Ann Meeker Silver reports from Scarsdale, NY, that she has two enchanting granddaughters, Raina (1) and Baillie (1), one each from her two children. Ann has taken up bridge, playing with friends two or three times a week, which leads to new horizons and meeting more people. ✷ The *Tulsa World* reported that **Jane Bryant Quinn** "climbed a frozen hill in the Antarctic, slid down on a black plastic garbage bag, and broke her ankle in icy ruts at the bottom." It didn't say when this happened, but Jane told this story while insisting that she always plays it safe in finances and believes others should, too. When questioned about Y2K, she responded that financial institutions seem to have the problem under control and she plans no precaution stronger than having some extra spending money for the weekend. But then she added, "Of course, I live on a hilltop with a generator and a well." Jane was the 1999 commencement speaker at St. Mary's College in South Bend, IN. ✷ **Jane Van Roekens Sinclair** writes from Brewer, ME, that husband Jim retired several years ago, after working for Nabisco for 32 years. Jane was a stay-at-home mom raising a son (who just moved to San Francisco for a job with search engine Look Smart) and two daughters (who now live across the river in Bangor). She has five grandchildren. Quilting is now her favorite hobby, since taking a quilting course last fall. This year she took a step aerobics class. With Acadia National Park nearby, they go hiking and climbing and visit "the Island"—Mt. Desert—a lot in spring and summer. ✷ Also living in ME, **Ken Maguire** has been South Bristol's town moderator for many years. Last year he ran for Lincoln County Commissioner, his first try at public office. Unopposed in the June primary, he ran against the Democratic incumbent in November and did about as well as others in the area running against incumbents, gathering about 40 percent of the vote. After taking time off to campaign, he spent most of the winter trying to catch up at his consulting business, SeaView Systems. He hopes to be at our next reunion. ✷ **Ed Sommers** is "On the Road..." So says his stationery, when he wrote from NM in March. After 22 years with Middlebury (spread over 39 years), he took early retirement. He says it is FANTASTIC and recommends it to all classmates. In January he jumped into his 1992 32-foot Pace Arrow and headed south—bugging children, siblings, and parents, who thought they could avoid him by moving way out west. Ed reports the country is absolutely awesome when viewed in leisurely fashion by someone with time on his hands. Wife Jane Crittenden Sommers '62 joined him at several stops along the way, including a trip to Baja, Mexico. However Ed said he needed Jane to keep working so he could afford gas for the vehicle he has dubbed "The Beast from the East." ✷ **Linda Sharp Cooper** and husband Dick Hevly, of Flagstaff, AZ, spent Christmas in St. Augustine, FL, with her father. In January they spent a week in Cabo in Baja, Mexico, which they say was warmer than FL. ✷ After 30 years with First Fidelity Bank, **Terry (Thayer) Talcott** retired. He also retired after 16 years as thesis adviser and examiner at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. However, he continues as a director of First Morris Bank, in Morristown, NJ, a 30-year-old community bank. Terry also continues volunteering at Overlook Hospital and makes weekly trips to the community foodbank of NJ to pick up food for the Salvation Army in Montclair. (The weekly record for his car was 961 pounds of food in one week.) Living in Short Hills, he has had lots of time for fishing within sight of the Twin Towers of NYC, as well as in AK and Cape Cod. He also makes regular trips to Lincoln Center. (How did he ever have time for work?) ✷ **Luci Frontini Boyle** was visited in Seattle, WA, by **Lin Sharp Cooper** last summer and by **Jean Emrich Battelle** in November and January. Since the weather was terrible during both of Jean's visits, Luci made her promise to pick other months to visit. However, the bad weather made for wonderful winter snow, so Luci made three trips to Mazama, WA, for great X-C skiing. ✷ Speaking of **Jean Emrich Battelle** and **Pete**, daughter Anne Battelle '89 won the Gold Medal in moguls in the freestyle World Championships held in March in Meiringen, Switzerland. She clinched the World Cup title in February, winning the last event in Madarao, Japan. Of the Swiss course Ann said, "This is one of the steepest and toughest courses on the World Cup. It's the big gnarly one." Anne had considered retirement, but fortunately was refreshed after a summer working in a brokerage firm, instead of training camp. ✷ **Lindy (Melinda) Hill Reed**, of Denver, CO, headed to Steamboat in February for a visit with her daughter and family. The seven-year old was going to ski school and Lindy was able to hit the slopes with her. ✷ The February issue of *Boston Magazine* ran an article on the "Top Doctors in Town," in which they asked people to submit names of physicians they love and what makes them special. The very first one noted was our own **Mike Robinson**, a Sudbury, MA, pediatrician: "He is the most kind, gentle, soft-spoken doctor I have ever met. He gives thorough explanations and will always follow up if there are concerns or outstanding issues. He has made being a parent easier for me and my wife. We truly rely on his opinion regarding sleep, food, toilet training, etc. The kids love him, but he takes care of the parents as well." Thanks to **Nancy Mumford Mulvey**, who sent us the article and added WOW—"I'm not surprised, but it's nice recognition." ✷ At the April dinner of the 20th annual Middlebury College Conference on Economic Issues, **Pieter Schiller** gave the keynote address: "Competitive Strategy in the Next Millennium—A Venture Capital Perspective." ✷ The class e-mail directory is available upon request. To get it, just send **Jean Seeler** a message at jeandave@mindspring.com. Start thinking about our 40th Reunion—it's less than a year away. Have a great summer and keep those post cards coming.

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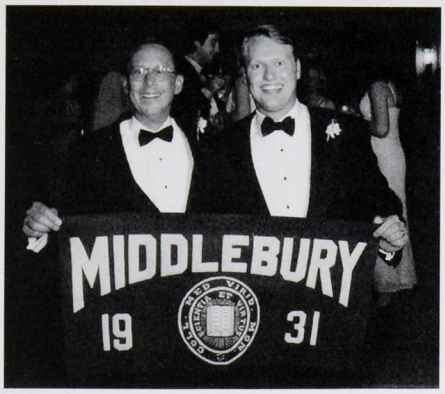
Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, 6 Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

Mother **Carolyn Bennett Jackson,** aided by Father Willard '51, gathered her gaggle of snowgeese at Breckenridge for a week of skiing (old-fashioned skis for the older generation and new-fangled snowboards for some of the offspring) and social occasions. Consistent with the idea that spawned Breckenridge as home base, forays to Copper, Vail, and Beaver Creek provided variety and excitement throughout the week, particularly with the World Ski Championships being held at Vail and Beaver Creek. A good-sized crowd came and went throughout the week. **Judy Starbuck Hannemann,** as energized as ever, was there with daughter Jennifer and her fiancé, Tony. Jim '59 and **Sally Tingle Southard,** fresh from moving into their new home at Lake Sunapee in NH, appeared hearty and rested. (That's what retirement does for you, especially Jim who has only one job now—managing Sally.) Mary and **Lee Kaufman,** together with daughters Julie '94 and Jody '98, bopped in and out. Lee and Mary both still ski like bandits. Julie, who lives in Boulder, is pursuing a nursing degree. Jody works for *Ski Racing International* in



Carrying on a Middlebury tradition: Gerald Thayer '65 and Jonathan Thayer '93 (see 1965 column)

Waitsfield, VT. Jane and **Tim Moore** and Ranger Liza '89 were there, the old man laid back as ever, daughter Liza a delightful whirlwind as usual, and mother Jane providing common sense and wisdom to the threesome. Always seeming to have skied all winter and arriving from the last resort, Marge and **Harvey Gray** regaled the group with stories of the golf trip to Spain that Tim and Harvey enjoyed last October. **Tee Newsom** is enjoying grandchildren, retirement, golf, scotch, and skiing, in that order. **Dario Quiros** (prospering and excited about Hartford's future after pilfering the Patriots from Beantown) came with sons Brian '00 and Kevin, but alas without Peggy. A surprise cameo appearance by **Svecy Strekalovksy** was enough to lead us through a round of the Chi Psi serenade at the most important celebration of the week, namely the big six-0 for **Roddy Stanton**. (Ma Kelly's favorite coed is just as saucy and magnetic as ever.) Susan Comstock Crampton '63 and I also had the pleasure of attending, along with daughter Kathryn (fourth year med students never work), her new husband, Jason (neither do first year residents, apparently), niece Jennifer and friend Matt, who enviably live and work in Denver. Needless to say, father and mother went home exhausted and lame, after a futile effort to keep up with them, skiing the bumps and glades. The weather was excellent, sunny and unusually mild on four days, plus a snowstorm and 8-10 inches, at least at the top of Vail, for those lucky enough to have been there on Wednesday and Thursday. Jim, Lee, and Mary were on the GS course at 7 a.m. on Friday, after dinner with Bob Beattie '55 the night before, giving (at least according to them) the Herminator advice on the right line to follow. Alas, it didn't help. The Herminator fell on the second run and Ljus took the gold. Everyone agreed that seeing the World Cup races was awesome and inspired us all to practice diligently for next year's ski reunion—at a location yet to be selected. Outside of Jim's jammed thumb and Susan's fleeting altitude sickness, all survived, most joined the Over-the-Hill-Gang to get discounts on ski tickets, from ski shops, and on future trips (sort of an AARP for active and insane elders), and pledged to congregate next year upon the beckoned call of Mother and Father.

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Class Secretaries: *Judy Bosworth Roësset, 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750; Ben (Jim) Rosin (benrosin@aol.com), 475 Quaker Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514; and Bonnie Boyd Russ, 11 Ringbolt Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.*

Having survived the ups and downs of building a new house, John and **Cindy Cooper Bracken** now have a beautiful new place on Lake Chautauqua. The Brackens have four sons and a grandson. ✷ A recent issue of the *Campus* newspaper (April 1) featured **Jim** and Carol Holmes '67 **Shattuck** in an article entitled "Middlebury alumni forge bonds of marriage and friendship." According to Alumni Records at the College, only 17 percent of Middlebury alumni actually marry each other, but sometimes it seems that the numbers are higher. Jim is quoted as saying "Middlebury men and women are destined to marry." He believes that the College is conducive to meeting your future spouse because of a "mutual attraction to the values and spirit of Middlebury." And of his days at Middlebury: "There was an affection and respect for each other which is still strong now, and out of this strength grows an allegiance to the College and the community." Jim is currently serving as the interim director of Middlebury's Career Services Office.

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Class Secretaries: *Janet Brevoort Allen (janballen@aol.com), 2 Arizona Pl., Huntington Station, NY 11746; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

With a master's in forestry from Yale and a doctorate from the Syracuse College of Forestry, **Richard Schlesinger** has done extensive research on growing trees and regenerating forests. This year he has headed back to his native Williamstown, MA, area to do a study project on the south branch of the Hoosic River. His project should help explain why the river has been heating up and will seek possible solutions to the problem. In addition, he hopes to tackle the weed problem at Hoosac Lake in Cheshire and he would also like to work with other groups to enhance the value of the river as an educational tool. ✷ **Dave** and **Mary Leslie Hanscom** appear as the parents of the bridegroom in a wedding photo in this issue. Their son, Greg '95, and Tara Thomas '94 were married last September at Blueberry Hill in Goshen, VT. The newlyweds are living in CO, where Greg is an editor for *High Country News*. Dave and Mary still love Utah's mountains and snow. They try to enjoy a ski tour every weekend in the season. ✷ **Bill Temple** (newsbillt@aol.com) writes that he "retired from ABC News in March of '97. We had just finished building a house within Wild Dunes on the Isle of Palms, six miles east of Charleston, SC, and so in November we moved in. Wild Dunes is a resort community with two golf courses, 18 tennis courts, beach, and marina. We have a 36-foot trawler-type power boat, which we use for cruising the Intracoastal Waterway. We have a trip planned for June and July, visiting Jim Flemma '62 in Annapolis and on to NY/CT for July 4th. It was **Rick Apfel** who introduced us to this paradise and we two are hoping to get a number of our (old) classmates together here for a reunion of sorts sometime later this year. Representatives from the Richmond, Seattle, and AZ delegations have expressed interest. Additional applications are encouraged." ✷ **Davis** and Louise Gulick '64 **Van Winkle** (davisvanw@cs.com) continue to direct Wohelo-Luther Gulick Camps, a girls' summer camp on Sebago Lake in ME. "In the off season I find time for tennis and skiing and to spend some time at our new house in Sedona, AZ. This winter we skied Alta with Jeff Foran '61, Jim Doane '64, and Debby Gillette Law '64." ✷ Your secretaries have enlisted the help of several classmates to get a telephone

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Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister (bhollister@att.com), 1347 Stony Brook Ln., Mountainside, NJ 07092; and Robert J. Baskin (csb35@aol.com), 6925 Woodside Pl., Chevy Chase, MD 20815*

Georgia Trend magazine recently named **Hans Neuhauser,** director of the Georgia Land Trust Service Center and acting director of the Georgia Environmental Policy Institute, one of the 100 most influential people in the state of GA. Hans and wife Mary Lou live in Athens, GA. He worked with the Georgia Conservancy for more than 20 years, first as director of the coastal office in Savannah and later as senior VP of environmental science in Atlanta. With a B.S. in biology and a master's in zoology, Hans has chaired the Right Whale Recovery Team (National Marine Fisheries Service) and also edits the *Right Whale News.* Speaking on another topic recently, Hans gave a talk to the historical society on Georgia's coastal fortifications and gun emplacements on islands during the Spanish-American War of 1898. ✷ **Molly Buffum Turlish,** director of development at Northeastern Univ.'s College of Arts and Sciences, won the 1999 Hebert Award for her extraordinary devotion of time and energy to CASE District 1. As chair of the district's committee on equity, Molly was a prime mover in initiating and managing the Minority Internship Program which now serves as a model for a new CASE International Fellowship Program.

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Gerald C. Thayer and his son, Jonathan Thayer '93, displayed the banner and Gamaliel Painter cane of the late Gerald E. Thayer '31, their father/grandfather, on the occasion of Jonathan's August 22, 1998, marriage to C. Ashley Essex '94. As you can see, Middlebury is clearly a family tradition. ✷ News from **Sally Brinkmann Blaser:** "Part of the program at the Lowell Whiteman School in Steamboat Springs, CO, where I teach Spanish, is a month-long trip to some far corner of the globe with about 10 students and two teachers. Last year, another teacher and I led a group to Ecuador. This spring, we're going to Chile and Peru. It's an incredible opportunity for in-depth immersion in a new culture and language. While in 'the boat,' teleskiing on the mountain and yoga are two of my extracurricular passions. If you're going to be in the area, please let me know via blasers@whiteman.edu." ✷ **Jeanette Stoner** is a choreographer in NYC. She has a loft on Leonard Street and also lives part of the time with her husband in Broad Channel. She still performs herself with her dance troupe (Jeanette Stone and Dancers) and she also teaches dance. ✷ Several friends and colleagues spoke at the memorial service for **Dick Ide,** who died on Christmas Day 1998, and we are grateful to Tim Gustafson for sharing his own comments with us. He describes Dick's "classic attitude" toward sports, in that he saw "the playing field, like the university, as a place where talent, dedication, and a focused intensity could accomplish something and where extraordinary individual efforts—such as Richard gave to USC—could shape the direction of a game or the life of a university." Continuing the sports analogy, Tim comments that "wherever the university needed to make something better or get out of the golf equivalent of a messed up shot or a troublesome lie, Richard had a plan of action—whether it was for financial aid and admissions, revenue management, athletes and academics, the fraternity system and rush, or the writing program, and his efforts led to significant improvements. You'd also watch a football game with Richard and he'd tell you the strategy John Robinson should have been using. And it goes beyond us. He would write Magic Johnson advice about his service on the President's Commission on AIDS. And this fall he was working on an Op-Ed piece for the *L.A. Times* on the Ken Starr investigation. For all these things, Richard had more than a strategy: he knew the wise and just thing to do. For me, working for Richard was like playing for a great coach. We could be the underdog, but he made us feel unbeatable. Under him, we were five for five in getting top candidates in searches.... Now we must mourn, but we can also take much joy for we can look back, again and again, at the last 10 years Richard gave us and (for me like going over some amazing scorecard) we can see a record of accomplishment and service that is unequaled—the work and gift to us of our most valuable colleague." A memorial appeared in the spring issue.

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Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Tom Armistead is now the associate editor of *Engineering News-Record* in NYC. He writes, "ENR is widely regarded as the Bible of the construction industry. My beat is industrial and power construction news." ✷ Children's author **Lois Markham**, of Beverly, MA, drew on her 28 years of writing and editing experience last winter when she taught interview techniques to a group of sixth graders in Boxford. Lois has written children's biographies of Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, and Jacques Cousteau, among others. ✷ Good news from **Edla Holm:** "On December 5, 1998, Robert (Robin) Brabham and I were married in Robin's home town of Sumter, SC. At the end of this academic year, I'll take early retirement from the W.E.B. DuBois Library at UMass/Amherst, where I've worked since 1973 as head of the interlibrary loan department. I'll be moving to Charlotte, NC, where Robin is head of special collections at the Atkins Library at UNC/Charlotte."

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Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spattchs@pop.k12.vt.us), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson (wissco@juno.com), 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

Helen Martin Whyte recently joined the Orton Family Foundation as northeast program manager. The Orton Family Foundation is an operating foundation, founded by Middlebury graduate and Vermont Country Store owner Lyman Orton '63. The mission of the Foundation is to help rural communities plan their futures by providing tools and processes, by facilitating public dialogue, and by developing educational programs. Based in Rutland, VT, the Foundation has offices there and in Steamboat Springs, CO. Helen previously served for five years as community development director for the Town of Bennington, VT. ✷ While on location in Sedona, AZ, shooting photos for her upcoming photojournal travel books, **Margot Childs Cheel** met up with **Polly Sawyer Cullen.** They hadn't seen each other since freshman year and remembered that they had both been in a wedding together 35 years ago. Like Margot, Polly has also pursued art and travel, having run an international youth hostel for many years, sketched, and painted portraits. Polly and her husband have designed and inlaid the art in their adobe style home. ✷ **Jim Patterson** and wife Sue have moved to Barrington, RI, near good friends **Bill** and **Sue Schweickert Macy.** There are reports that Bill is teaching Jim to fish and Jim is teaching Bill to play golf. ✷ **Robert Prentice** has joined Duane, Morris & Heckscher LLP as a partner in the Philadelphia office. He practices in the areas of commercial and construction litigation and alternative dispute resolution. ✷ The recipient of the Class of '67 Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year is a psychology major who has been studying abroad. ✷ **Bruce Beers** is director of ASIC products at IBM Microelectronics, where he has led efforts in ASIC technology, including introduction of the first copper-based ASIC. He chairs the ASIC General Managers' Council of the Silicon Integration Initiative, an industry group that works on standards for reusable logic. For those of us who only speak English, IC seems to refer to the "integrated circuit" and we all know what that means, right? Anyway, according to the September 30, 1998, issue of *Electronic Engineering Times,* the IC has now celebrated its 40th anniversary.

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Christopher D'Elia became the Univ. of Albany's new VP for research on March 1. Formerly director of the Maryland Sea Grant College of the University System of Maryland, he was also a prof. at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory of the Univ. of MD's Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies. He also served as Distinguished Ruth Patrick Scholar and as a research associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Christopher is one of a select group of the American scientists credited with discovering the importance of nitrogen as a nutrient pollutant. His areas of academic expertise are nutrient dynamics in aquatic systems, estuarine and coral reef ecology, science policy, marine pollution, global climate change, and analytical chemistry. He has written extensively on these topics for a variety of publications. A member of the board of the Hudson River Foundation (HRF) for several years, he has reviewed several science projects on behalf of HRF for most of the last decade. ✷ **Tee Winstead** reports that he has been back on campus a number of times recently because his son, Peter, is at Middlebury in the class of 2000. ✷ **Christopher Diamond** and wife Eileen also have a son at

Middlebury. Keenan Diamond is in the class of 2003. Chris left Mount Snow Ski Resort in VT in February to take over the top job at Steamboat. As the new senior VP and managing director, Chris would like to get Steamboat "back to doing a million skier visits on a consistent basis." ✷ Please let us know if there are others in our class with children back at Midd. And send any other news as well! Use e-mail, snail mail, or fill out the card bound into each magazine and mail it in.

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By the time you read this column, our 30th Reunion will be history. Hope you all had a great time! Stay in touch and send news soon.

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Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@bccls.org), 232 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

Dr. **Geoffrey Weiss** has been named to head the division of medical oncology at the Univ. of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where he has been on the faculty since 1982. He is also serving as chief, medical service, at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System. Geoffrey is an award-winning cancer researcher who is internationally known for his investigative work and clinical trials on new anti-cancer agents. ✷ **Nancy Adams Roth** and husband Dennis have lived in Cohasset for 14 years. They have three sons (ages 14, 12, and 9). Beginning her career as a special needs teacher, Nancy moved on to coordinate out-of-district special needs placements for the Brookline schools. She then became assistant director of the master's program in management of human services at the Heller School at Brandeis Univ. She also served as a grant writer for the state Dept. of Education. For the past eight years, she has been teaching reading to severely dyslexic students. This spring, she announced her candidacy for reelection to a second term on the town select board.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@webserf.net), P.O. Box 182, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.*

In El Paso, TX, **Chuck Ambler** is "on leave (National Endowment for the Humanities Grant) from position of head of the Graduate School at the Univ. of TX, El Paso, from January through August, working on a book on 'Race, Empire, and Drink: The Alcohol Question in British Africa.' Trying to eat two-thirds cup of oat bran each day to combat cholesterol. Prefer butter." ✷ **Barbara Horiuchi** writes: "Still living in downtown Chicago on the Gold Coast. Happily married, no children (by choice). I'm a senior VP with Mesirow Stein Real Estate, Inc., a commercial real estate division of Mesirow Financial. I continue to visit CO to ski and the Caribbean to wind surf. Life is good!" ✷ **Grosvenor Nichols** has been promoted to CEO of the home improvement div. at IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. Grove has been president and CEO of Commerce Security Bank and a director in the financial services consulting practice at Peat Marwick. ✷ News has come in from three New England classmates. **Paul Hempel** writes from Shrewsbury, MA: "Pat and I are about to become empty nesters as the last of our three daughters heads off to college this fall. I recently left the large law firm I had been with for almost 15 years to start up Erickson, Schaffer, Peterson and Hempel, PC, a firm specializing in international and corporate law in Wellesley, MA. Also recently joined the International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers, based, of all places, in Middlebury, VT. Just discovering that life is much more than work. Finally!" ✷ **Brinck Lowery** writes from Topsfield, MA: "Went to Newton, PA, in October to **Bill Post**'s 50th birthday party. Bill, a world class workaholic, managed not to miss the party by being on one of his myriad business trips to Hong Kong and Italy and we had a great time. Rode down on the train from Boston to PA with Ellen and **Peter Wood**, Karen and **Mike Kintner**, and my inestimable virtual spouse, Susie Banta. We were joined by **Charlie** and **Madeline Neilson Rockwell**. Bill's party was marked by great stories of his adventures and his generous spirit. Not to be outdone, Bill's old roommate, Mike Kintner, is hosting *his* 50th birthday party on an island in the Turks and Caicos Islands this summer." ✷ To confirm Brinck's news, **Mike Kintner** writes from Hartford, CT: "No Middlebury reunions in 1999, but a rather major transition for the class of 1971—a lot of us turn 50. Refusing to let this landmark pass quietly, some of your college classmates are heading south to the little latitudes to ease the pain. **Brinck Lowery** and **Bill Post** are joining the

PROFILE STEP BACK INTO PARADISE

FEW GO AS FAR BACK as David Brown '75 to achieve peace and tranquillity: back to the life lived by people a century ago, when a day wasn't ruled by the minute hand and the world's bad news didn't flood the senses.

David Brown is an artist and gardener living in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, where his life centers around two acres of gardens and a cottage that, although only 24 years old, harks to the nineteenth century. There is no electricity or indoor plumbing. Brown hand pumps his water, reads by candle and kerosene light, heats with wood, and visits the privy out back. His small refrigerator and compact stove are fueled by propane. The only electronic-age concessions are a telephone and battery-powered answering machine.

Brown moved to this spot 13 years ago, when he was a teacher at a private school. The school closed, but he stayed put and now he raises much of his own food and hundreds of varieties of annuals and perennials, which he sells. He barters his paintings, for essential services; however, his landscapes and portraits have developed quite a following and are valuable in their own right.

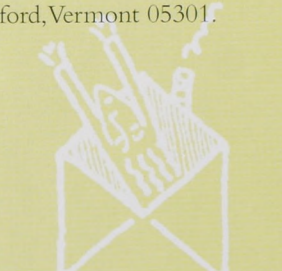
Why would someone give up the usual glitz for this? Brown has been a frequent visitor to Nepal and India, where he has observed people living without modern conveniences, and he has come to see this as more life enhancing. As he explained to a newspaper reporter last summer, "There was no electricity, no running water and you had to walk for days to get there, but everyone was beaming... The amount of leisure time is inversely proportionate to the number of labor-saving devices you have."

Visitors often seek out Brown's gardens, hoping to spend some time soaking up the tranquillity he has created. "I'm easy to find," he says, "and I really do live in paradise."

Above: "Hay House," David Brown's oil-on-wood painting of his home and garden.

"Tropical Depression Tour" to the Turks and Caicos Islands to help me deal with reality. With apologies to Jimmy Buffet, the pirate looks at 50. Along with 10 other couples, the group hopes a little touch of paradise, the warm waters of the Caribbean, a little tequila, and some reggae nights will make it all worthwhile. **Peter Wood** took one look at this party and headed to the South Pacific. We'll let you know whether we all survive." ✷ Your class secretaries are eager to hear this report and any and all news from our far flung classmates. Happy birthday to all of you out there who are experiencing a big decade birthday!

ARTISTS AREN'T REALLY "CLUBBY" TYPES, but Nancy Smith Detra '76 has developed a novel way to sell her work—an art card club. Join the club and four times a year you get a set of 24 limited-edition, whimsical cards and envelopes ($14/pack) with an invoice and return address sticker. Subscribers may drop out at any time by simply not sending a check. By eliminating brochures, galleries, and agents this artist can now spend the greatest part of her time painting in her studio, rather than hustling to sell her work. To join the club, contact Detra at Vermont Housewife Cards, 1118 Green River Road, Guilford, Vermont 05301.



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Henry Liles manages David Dorfman Dance Company in the Village. Henry was a Russian teacher for several years at a private school in NJ. Then, through a Middlebury connection, he fell into a job with Columbia Artists Management when a group of Soviet artists needed someone to travel with them in the U.S. After teaching a few more years, he decided to return to the arts and his timing was perfect to join the Paul Taylor Company at the very moment when they were planning a tour to the Soviet Union. This four-week assignment turned into a busy 14-year job, first as road manager and later as production manager in the office. For the last six years he has been putting tours together for David Dorfman, doing logistics and travel. "Since I am a staff of one, that means I do everything—fundraising, bookkeeping, budgets, all of that, the whole megillah." He never has to worry about exercise. His apartment is a fourth-floor walk-up, his office is a fifth-floor walk-up—and when he visits Dorfman, it's a sixth-floor walk-up. ✷ **Michael Reed** reported in mid-winter from Fairfax, VA, that he and his wife, Marla, were awaiting the arrival of their second child. Maureen Yvette was born February 12; she's doing well, as is Rachel Johanna (3 1/2). It's been a season of many changes for Mike and family, who decided in March to leave the DC rat race behind and head west to Kalamazoo, MI. Mike is now lining up some work teaching university courses and also working on his second book, *Gabon: In the Shadow of the Rain Forest* (coedited with James F. Barnes), which concerns a small country in equatorial Africa. Mike dreams of the day "when I and several old Midd buddies—**Dean Halwas, Ken May, Yvette Rutledge, Paul Marshall, James Smit**, and the like—will reunite magically (and younger) for Cream (musical), coffee, and heavy doughnuts on the patio at Proctor." ✷ Whatever reunion YOU dream about, why not make it happen at Alumni College in September? Here's our chance for the oft-mentioned 27th class reunion. As Rod Stewart said (sang) it way back when, "I suppose I could collect my books and go on back to school..." Think about it. You'll find more information and a registration form bound into this magazine.

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Bill '72 and **Rachel Brunstetter Collins** spent 13 years as librarians in Haifa, Israel, before settling in Alexandria, VA, where they now live with son Jonathan (19), and daughter Sarah (17). In the '80s, Rachel did museum documentation work and established an English language children's library at the Baha'i World Centre. She has been studying entomological watercolor and botanical drawing through the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators and the Smithsonian. She does natural portrayals of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, and is starting to do landscapes. Her works were recently featured at the Potomac Valley Watercolorist show in Arlington. She exhibits with the Art League membership shows and is represented by the Hang-Up Gallery in Sarasota, FL. Rachel also plays bassoon with the Alexandria Band, serves as chair of the local spiritual assembly of the Baha'is of Mount Vernon, and assists Baha'i refugees in the area. ✷ While teaching part time at UMass Lowell, **Priscilla Stone Stevens** (pnjstevens@aol.com) is devoting more time to writing, critiquing, and receiving criticism from other writers. Midd writers are welcome to join her circle by e-mailing her. Cilla's son, Cliff, enters Trinity College in Hartford this fall. Daughter Kate '00 spent last fall semester in England, so the entire family went over to spend Thanksgiving with her. While there, Cilla had a marvelous afternoon with **Anne MacLeod**, who was on her way home to Jerusalem. ✷ **Kevin Engel** extends salutations to Phi Kappa Tau brothers. He and Cynthia have been married some 25 years. Daughter Angela Kristin, an RPI graduate, is at the London School of Economics. Son Justin is playing lacrosse and attending RPI this fall. "I still have hopes that daughter Courtney (15) will be a Midd kid. I am practicing law in the Albany, NY, area with my own firm. I'm associate counsel to the minority leader in the NYS Assembly and town attorney for a couple of towns. We have just moved back into our home, which had to be completely rebuilt after it was destroyed in an August '97 fire." ✷ **Catharine Norton Scherer** plays her harp in nursing homes and hospitals. She recently played at a wedding for a "young" couple in their 70s and 80s. "The bride had Lou Gehrig's disease and said 'I do' with her eyelids. It was a real honor to be there." ✷ At the end of January, **John Akers** performed a program of classical guitar and Spanish poetry inspired by the guitar at NC State and Old Dominion Univ. ✷ **Sallie Sprague** is working on a book collecting 50 years of photos of Cumberland Island taken by her and her father. The island belonged to her mother's family and became a national park about the time we graduated from Midd. She spent February there taking photos and enjoying a dry month away from the wet Pacific Northwest winter. In March she gave a lecture at UC Berkeley on grassroots environmental efforts, drawing on her environmental work in northwest WA. ✷ Your class scribe, wife Sonia, son Evan, and a school friend recently returned from skiing in the French Alps. Nine days of fresh snow, sunny days, breathtaking snow-capped mountains, and French food made quite an impression. In Lausanne, Switzerland, we met the family with whom Evan (15) will be living this fall on a semester exchange. ✷ Former poli sci compatriot **Keith Oberg** has taken a leave of absence from the federal government to help build a national, nonprofit, recycle-a-bicycle program for the benefit of both U.S. landfills *and* the needy overseas. Last year his organization shipped 6,400 bikes; this year they intend to break 8,000. "It won't earn me much money, but it'll do some good, be fun, and keep me fit." ✷ With one son graduating from college and one graduating from high school, **Janet Frey DeVito** was waiting to hear where her younger son will enter college this fall. She has been elected chair of the family law section of the NH Bar Assoc. ✷ Living in Deer Isle, ME, **Emily Fuller Hawkins** is in real estate, specializing in summer rentals. She's also an EMT on the volunteer island ambulance. A family real estate business in Kansas City takes her there three times a year. During summer she and husband David live aboard their 60-year-old, 37-foot, wooden power boat. "Winters, I ski as much as I can. Stepson (17) and stepdaughter (19) are good kids and skiers as well. I miss hearing from **H. Fraker** and T. Etchells '74, but keep up with Anita Rosencrantz '74 and **Jenny**

Scheu." ✷ Middlebury has always been a special place, reports **Peter Burgdorff**, but even more so now that daughters Katharine '01 and Laurie '02 are both there. Peter and wife Glynis are enjoying opportunities to visit campus, as well as getting more involved with Midd activities in NJ. ✷ **Sue Karl** reports that husband Steve Teller is still tracking fuel spill migration underground and bioremediation. Sue is winding up a geological, geochemical, and geophysical analysis in southeast AK (posted on the USGS Web site in June). "Life is whizzing by, with job, two kids, and 23 dogs." For spring break, Sue and family went wilderness snow camping in a four-dogsled caravan in Denali Park. Kids Mara (8) and Rusty (6) planned the trip, gear, and menu. "Every year the kids worry about whether the Easter bunny will be able to find us out there. The amazing thing is, he always does!" ✷ In midsummer, **Gene Hill** and his family are relocating from San Francisco to the Boston area, where Gene has become a partner with Schroder Ventures Life Sciences, a venture capital firm focused on healthcare. ✷ **Lee Stern** is an investment banker at Thomas Weisel Partners, a research-based merchant bank focused on growth sectors of the economy. ✷ Sarah House Denby (M.A. French, '78) sent news of her friend, **Eric Streicher**: "Eric has been practicing medicine in Madison, WI, for nearly 20 years. His exuberant personality and flamboyant style have made him a favorite among patients as well as staff. He is one of the top five long-distance biking competitors in his age group and competes on a near-weekly basis. He's also an avid skier, both downhill and cross country. He and wife Ellen Lindgren have three kids: Karl (Colorado College '02), Anna (Middleton High '00), and Peter (13)." ✷ Former class scribe **Robert Badger**'s book, *Geology along Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park*, has been published by Falcon Press. With 83 color photographs and 12 diagrams, the book guides park visitors to interesting geological features and gives directions for short hikes at many of the stops along 105 miles of Skyline Drive. ✷ **Nancy Howe** was the featured artist this winter at the 1999 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition in Charleston, SC. Although she majored in art at Midd, Nancy didn't begin painting in earnest until after her 1988 divorce, when she realized she wanted to work at home and spend time with her children. Her career was jump started in 1989 when she became the first woman artist to win the federal duck stamp contest. Nancy now lives in East Dorset, VT, with husband Jim Russell and sons Ryan Kelley (16) and Tyler Kelley (15). ✷ While working on a brown belt in Taekwondo, **Joan Molino Mortensen** is teaching "Taoism, Zen, and the Art of War" at the Univ. of TX at Dallas this fall. ✷ **Robert Main** enjoyed reunion, but wishes he had had more time to catch up with everyone. He spent all of February presiding over a murder trial during which the defendant waived his right to a jury trial and agreed to be tried by the court alone as judge and jury. "I'm not sure the defendant now thinks he made the best decision, but I surely have a greater appreciation of what I ask jurors to do." ✷ Chi Psi alums in our class might be interested to know that **Franci Vinal Farnsworth**'s office is now located in the former Chi Psi (now Munford House) basement. She'd be glad to give tours to classmates. After 10 years as part-time coordinator of sponsored research, Franci is now full time. ✷ **Deborah Schneider Greenhut** is working on a career change to coincide with the millennium: "I have always wanted to write full time, so I have been chipping away blocks of time from my consulting business and have received my first acceptance. A poem, 'We Mourn My Mother,' will appear in the fall issue of *Journal of New Jersey Poets*." Son Adam is at Colgate Univ.; son Nathan starts Rutgers College of Engineering this fall. "Victor and I expect to start enjoying the quiet again after 20 years." ✷ Annie Reis '98, daughter of **Julie Witt Reis**, is in medical school at Johns Hopkins. Son Rob is a sophomore at Midd; son Scott did the college visit thing in April. A San Francisco high school biology teacher, Julie is applying to a drug abuse research program at Stanford, which combines high school teachers, students, and scientists in a collaborative research project. This spring she was involved in a salmonid restoration project, incubating steelhead eggs in the classroom and releasing the fry into a local (restored) stream habitat. (She and Sally Sprague need to talk!) The Bay Area Midd alum group is going strong, but more class of '73 participation is needed!

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Since the April deadline for this issue of *Middlebury Magazine* was nearly simultaneous with the arrival of our 25th Reunion yearbook, there didn't seem to be a lot of class news that wouldn't be transmitted in person in May or through the great biographies in the yearbook. Details of the events of our reunion will be included in the next issue of this magazine. ✷ In the meantime, if you missed **Sally West Johnson**'s article in the February 28 *Boston Globe Magazine* on hepatitis C, be sure to get hold of a copy. She shares her story about a problem which touches many lives and is not well understood by most of us.

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John M. Burke is the new vice provost for research at UVM. John has been teaching microbiology and molecular genetics at UVM since 1988. **Martha Van Oot Gordon** has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL). More than 900 people attended the induction ceremony during the spring meeting of ACTL in Naples, FL. ✷ Gov. Howard Dean has appointed **Michael Dworkin** chair of the Public Service Board that regulates utilities in the state of VT. Should be an interesting six-year term, coming at a time when the board's docket is jammed with cases related to the restructuring of VT's electric utility industry. Michael was general counsel to the board for eight years, ending in 1995. Since then he has worked for Riser Management Systems and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Michael and wife Loring Starr '73 live in Montpelier with children Sam and Alice.

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WEDDINGS

◀ Following a July 25, 1998, Mead Chapel wedding, friends celebrated with Carrie Harasimowicz '92 and Ryan Sullivan '95 at the Basin Harbor Club: (front) Amy Gannett Morse '92, Cynthia Bass '95, Jenna Ermold '95, Mimi Warendorf O'Neill '92, Jen McPhee '92, the newlyweds, Matt Trail '96, Martha Shay '98, Sarah Fryberger '93, (standing) Bill Eckels '92, Warren Dowd '92, Chris Carton '92, Jessica Loveys '95, Ian McCray '95, Sarah Raunecker '92, Michelle Lund '92, Erica Moody '92, Kathy Dubzinski McDonald '90, Caroline Leary Dowd '92, Alicia Mathewson '92, Sladja Kovijanic Carton '93, Steve Harasimowicz '81, James Harasimowicz '87, Amy Backus, Whitney Williams '94, Michael Dubzinski '88, Rick Faubert '92, Brian Schmidt '97, Dave Dougherty '92, Kelly McCarthy '99, and Peter Bevere '96. The newlyweds live in Stow, MA.

◀ Middlebury friends helping to celebrate the August 1998 marriage of Emily Ewell '93 and Martin Daughtry included Cole Odell '93, Emilio Gomez '93, Sara Schick '93, the newlyweds, Anne Moore Odell '93, Lewis Robinson '93, Melissa Maxwell '93, and Nina Silver '93.

▶ Gathering on September 26, 1998, to celebrate the marriage of Paula Carr '82 and Alexander Cummings were (top row) James Ralph '82, Anne Cowherd '80, Paul Henderson '82, (middle row) Michelle Millin '88, Bettina Bretz Terfloth '82, Mimi Gleason '82, Margot Carr (sister of the bride), and Tina Gluck Henderson '82. Suzanne Keating Lukens '83 and Heidi Reichenbach Harring '82 missed the photo.

◀ The August 22, 1998, marriage in Memphis, TN, of Ashley Essex '94 and Jonathan Thayer '93 brought together Vanessa Guibert '93, Karen Thayer Bograd '90, Alexandra Flynn '93, Genevieve Murphy '94, Victoria Wilde '94, the newlyweds, Jenifer Foss Smyth '94, Amy Synnott '94, Pixie Spencer '94, Nancy Olson '93, Kyna Mackey '93, (back row) Jerry Thayer '65, Sam Heitner '93, Trevor Crist '93, Rammy Harwood '94, Dylan Simonds '93, Brad Barnes '94, Josh Barnes, Tabitha Jenkins '92, Adam Greenberger '93, and Bart DeVries '93. To learn why the Class of 1931 banner was displayed, turn to the 1965 column where the answer is disclosed.

▲ Gathering in Marblehead, MA, for the October 11 marriage of Christy Sheridan and Rick Gable '92 were Mike Scanlon '92, Jason Crawshaw '92, Toby Frank '92, the newlyweds, Dave Fritzsche '92, Garrett Johnston '92, Chris Carton '92, Sladja Kovijanic Carton '92, Warren Dowd '92, Caroline Learly Dowd '92, Pete Steinle '92, Terry Wise '92, Dickey O'Neil '92, Matt Shaw '92, Tyson Freeman '92, Kenny Hughes '92, Dean Flanagan '92, Mike Rex '92, Reid Smith '91, Pat Dyson '92, and Michael Gill '91. Missing the photo was Matty Thompson '92. Living in Boston, Christy studies at Northeastern Univ. School of Law and Rick is an investment analyst at Sun Life of Canada.

▲ Gathering in Southampton, NY, for the October 10, 1998, marriage of Emily Conant '86 and Robert J. Spinna Jr. were Charlene Surprenant Batista '86, Laurie Harper '86, the newlyweds, Stephen Batista '86, and Carroll Cummings '86.

▲ The July 17, 1998, marriage of Tracy Nordstrom '89 and Kurt Waltenbaugh took place in Minneapolis, MN. Pictured at the right is Porter Ball Knight '89. More news from Tracy appears in the 1989 column.

◀ Kristen Roeder '94 and Brett Smith were married on December 29, 1998, in Wilton, CT. Brett's father and brother are with the bride and groom in the photo. Attending, but not in the photo, were Laura Eckert '94, Michelle Royer Singiser '94, and Brian '94 and Amy Young DeChristopher '89.

▶ Kathryn Ankers and Chris Peters '86 were married on June 20, 1998. Celebrating with them in Madison, NJ, were (kneeling) Rich Sobel '86, Jason Bernstein '88, Tom Farrell '86, Henry Romaine '86, Ron Palmeri '86, Bruce Johnstone '86, (standing) Margaret Gill Sobel '86, Jennifer Kemp Forelli '86, Libet Campbell Peters '77, Jamie Orvis '86, Lyle Fulkerson '86, the newlyweds, Ginny Thomas Wydler '86, Rob Gilpin '86, Jan Grey Gilpin '88, Melissa Marquardt '86, Phoebe Twichell Peterson '86, Dave Ballard '86, and Susan Gavlick Ballard '86. A May '98 grad of Columbia Business School, Chris is a financial analyst at Texas Instruments and runs the high school/middle school lacrosse leagues in Dallas. Kathryn is a senior VP at Bank of America.

WEDDINGS

▲ Gathering at Blueberry Hill in Goshen, VT, to celebrate the September 19, 1998, marriage of Tara Thomas '94 and Greg Hanscom '95 were (seated) Brett Hanscom '92, David Hanscom '63, the newlyweds, Mary Leslie Hanscom '63, Heidi Poulin '94, Virginia Leberman '94, (standing) Winsor Lowe '93, David Zappalla '95, Eric Odell '95, Tricia Elliott '95, Jon McDonagh '95, Caroline Bonny Sparling '95, Erik Sparling '96, Riikka Pakkala '95, Jesse Cunningham '94, Emma Ansara '97, Steve Engle '95, Steve Hobbs '97, Bob Bergner '95, Doug Fischer '92, Gretchen Anderson '94, and Jason Mantzoukas '95. Missing the photo were Margaret Leslie Hall '38, John Cadwell '44, Arnie Levinson '63, Barry Schultz King '74, and Steve Young '60. The newlyweds live in rural Paonia, CO, where Tara works for a local environmental group and Greg is an editor for *High Country News*, a paper that covers the American West.

▲ Iffath Sharif '94 and Hassan Zaman were married in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where the bride's parents live. Celebrating with them were (standing) Shana Mitchell-Hopkins '94, Seth Hopkins '92, and Rezwan Sharif '95 (the bride's brother). Iffath works for the World Bank in DC.

◀ The July 11, 1998, marriage of Stacy Smith and Tom LaMotte '94 brought many friends to Bay Village, OH: John Turner '96, Elissa Kiskaddon '97, Andy Smith '97, Laurie O'Donnell '97, Alvin Ung '94, James Merrill '94, Matt Cantrell '94, the newlyweds, Tim Keyes '94, Kevin Marshall '94, Matt Riordan '93, Katherine Hardin Currie '94, Meredith King Riordan '94, Kristen Roeder Smith '94, Neall Currie '94, Michelle Royer Singiser '94, Won Kim '94, Greg Vigne, and Susan Carpenter Vigne '83. Stacy and Tom live north of Philadelphia, where Stacy is an elementary teacher and Tom is finishing his degree in physical therapy.

▶ A farm in Falmouth, MA, was the scene of the September 19, 1998, marriage of Brooke McDonald '95 and Rick Merriam '93. Celebrating with them were (front row) Bob Danielewicz '93, Sean "Boze" Casten '93, the newlyweds, Ross O'Hanley '93, Tim Scovin '93, Tony Claudino '93, Tripp Hock '93, Kristen Lovely '95, (second row) Lance Marx '93, Teigen Fryberger '93, Dave Anderson '93, (back row) Greg Fisher, Tucker Hollander '91, Kirsten Shonstrom Hollander '93, Tim Curry '93, Andy Biggs '93, Matt Clark '93, Buck Baronowski '95, Mark Ellerbrook '95, Hilary Achauer '95, Sara Martowski '95, Kristen Spangler '95, and Mary Maxham '95.

◀ The marriage of Jinmi Jeon and Christopher Kemple '94 took place on December 5, 1998, in Seoul, South Korea, where the newlyweds now live.

▲ When Heather Davis '88 and Thomas Powers were married on October 31, 1998, the gathering in Newport, RI, included Julie Chapin Bassi '88, John Bassi '88, Christina Valar Breen '88, the newlyweds, Joni Wiester Martino '88, Craig Smith '88, and Stefanie Lempp '88. Now living in Boston, Heather has celebrated 10 years with MassMutual Life and Tom is president of Group and Pension Services in Waltham.

▲ Gathering in Manchester, VT, for the August 22, 1998, marriage of Cameron Blanchard and Dan Suratt '93 were (front) Steve Ruhl '93, the newlyweds, (second row) Kathy Dougan Cort '93, Jason Cort '93, Jon Hanlon '93, Charlie Williams '93, Bill Rodgers '92 with son Jack, Christina Bethke Rodgers '92, (third row) Steve Cox '92, Marlena Faxon '92, Steve Quinn '91, Eddie Opler '93, Sarah Ellwood Opler '92, Joel Abramson '92, (fourth row) Jen Gould '93, J.J. Gilmartin '92, Jeff Pare '95, Justin Ayers '92, Ed Lovett '93, (fifth row) Bob Labick '93, Dudley Winthrop '94, Sarah Fryberger '93, Judy Hole Suratt '61, and Chaplain Emeritus Charlie Scott, who officiated at the wedding.

▲ Stacey Fallon '92 and Jack Harris were married on October 24. Celebrating with them in Atlanta were Haig Demarjian '92, Alex Demarjian (born April 1996), Jessica Emerson Demarjian '92, the newlyweds, Elisha Hall Bizzaro '91, Hannah Covert '92, Jennifer Kaufman '92, and Sarah Gordon '87.

◀ A Midd crowd descended on Rafter Y Ranch in Story, WY, on June 28, 1998, to celebrate the marriage of Naomi Moskowitz '94 and Booth Hodde '94: (front) Aaron Ambuske '94, George Putnam '94, Josh Chapin '94, Jeremy Hertzig '94, Porter Fox '94, Mike Thompson '94, John C. Anderson '94, (standing) Riley Willcox '94, Kirsten Morbeck '94, Kate Webber '94, Colin Leonard '92, the newlyweds, Critter Thompson '94, Kadie Falso Leonard '94, Brendan Collins '94, Amy Hansen '94, and Chris Marshall '94.

PROFILE

A PASSION FOR MUSIC

PATRICIA BAUMAN NORTON '89, who majored in political science at Middlebury, says she has had "relatively little" formal musical training and had only "done a little bit of composition." Nevertheless, she has written and performed an oratorio in the tradition begun by Handel and Bach some 300 years ago.

Her explanation sounds quite reasonable: "I couldn't find pieces that said what I wanted to say, so I ended up writing the things I wanted to say for myself." The resulting oratorio—retelling the Passion according to the Gospel of St. Mark—was performed on Good Friday, April 2, 1999, in the Congregational Church of Lyme, Connecticut.

Inspired by singing Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion* with the Handel Society a year earlier, she wanted to organize a performance at Lyme Congregational. But Bach's work was too grand for their resources, and she was unwilling to break it down and perform bits of it.

Her next idea: Search through the literature and find American works to be assembled and performed as spoken pieces, text, and musical comment. It was at this point that she realized that the music she wanted to hear didn't exist—except in her own mind. Thus was born a new oratorio. Lasting about one hour, it incorporates several of her own works, as well as pieces by Charles Ives, Samuel Barber, and Larry Gordon.

The Good Friday performance required the talents of many area residents as choir members, soloists, instrumentalists (including a bell choir), and narrator. "It's certainly not what you would expect," she reports. "To find yourself writing for 30 or 40 people, to have your work conducted by a very good conductor... It's not where you expect to start. I'm starting at the end."

Fresno, CA, lawyer **Donald S. Black** was headed to the coast for the New Year's holiday when he got word that he had been appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court bench. He and his family—wife Deborah Byron and their two sons (9 and 7)—were packing when the call came. For 18 years he had been a lawyer with the firm of McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, where his wife is also a partner. He was sworn in December 31 and said he was looking forward to the challenges he will face as a judge. ✷ **Keith Block** (brandyblo@aol.com) and wife Connie live in Englewood, CO, with daughters Stephanie (13) and Karen (almost 10). Connie, who was a year behind Keith in law school, recently left the practice of law to become a fifth and sixth grade teacher. Keith has done some part-time teaching in the law school of the Univ. of Denver, but found the students disappointing: "All they cared about was getting a good grade and finding a job. However, I can't totally blame them in light of the present tight job market." Of his career, Keith writes that he "left a large law firm four years ago to form a legal boutique specializing in the representation of financial institutions and bankruptcy law. We have grown from one to 12 attorneys with offices in three states. I have served as the editor-in-chief or contributing editor for five books on commercial law and lecture frequently on various topics related to the lending and leasing industries." Keith has stayed in touch with Tom Stacey '78, of whom he is envious—because "Tom has stayed in shape and not lost any of his hair (or even turned gray)." ✷ **Mary Elizabeth Baetjer** and Gary Woodruff were married on March 21, 1998. They live in Lutherville, MD, with children Jody (16) and Tommy (14). Mary Elizabeth, who teaches fifth grade at Garrison Forest School, reports that she recently saw Kim Head '74.

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We sadly report the January death of **John Turney** and extend our collective sympathy and support to his widow, Mimi; their sons, John Benjamin and Ned; and his three sisters, Debbie Diegel, Barbara Turney Heussler '83, and Jacquelyn Turney-Beecher '85. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✷ **Sybil Smith** recently co-authored *My Mother's Early Lovers*, a multigenerational drama filmed at locations throughout VT. The film was a finalist for the best film award at the Vermont International Film festival and at the Austin Film Festival. ✷ **Jay Taylor** is busy establishing and computerizing his consumer collections law practice in Houston, TX. Given the level of technology and expertise he describes, we recommend that all classmates be sure to pay off any outstanding personal debts involving Sears or American Express in TX! ✷ **Katherine Weeks Cadwell** is one of the founders of Project Harmony, a not-for-profit educational and cultural exchange program between the U.S. and the republics of the former USSR. Kathy's husband, Jared '76, also works for the exchange program, so their VT home is full of their own kids, exchange students, and Project Harmony activities.

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Intuit Inc. chief executive **Bill Harris** was one of the highest-ranking industry witnesses to testify against Microsoft Corp. in its antitrust trial. According to *Investor's Business Daily*, Intuit has a complex relationship with Microsoft, having once agreed to be acquired by Microsoft, but the deal fell apart as federal regulators weighed antitrust concerns. Since then, Intuit has been both a Microsoft rival and partner. Bill's stance in a recent interview was that "it's essential to maintain a level playing field and thereby maintain healthy competition, customer choice, and customer benefits. It's essential in the technology sector precisely because, as Microsoft and everyone else points out, the technology sector is so central to driving our entire economy." ✷ **Bill McGowan** accepted a mid-six-figure bid from Warner Books on St. Patty's Day for his proposed novel *Digital Black*. The first in a planned five-book thriller series, it stars a NY Irish police detective named Archer Muldoon. The film sale was expected to follow shortly. His comments in the *Daily News*: "I come from four generations of NYPD and I got interested in turning the lens closer to my roots. My family's excited. My father (a retired detective captain calls me every day and I've spent endless hours pumping him for old stories." ✷ **Daryl Storrs** was the juror for the 1999 winter juried art show at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, an annual show sponsored by *Adirondack Life* magazine. Entitled "Leftovers—More Food for Thought," the show was open to artists of all media, but the subject matter had to include food in some creative way. ✷ **Mitchell Uscher** has written a new musical, *Mamaleh*, produced last winter at the JCC Theater of the Greater Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach, FL, where he is director in residence. "After seeing what other people did to my work," he comments, "I felt that it was not what I had in my head. I would like to see it on stage as I envision it." Mitchell writes the scripts and lyrics for musicals, as well as directing. His musical revues have been seen at the Duplex in Greenwich Village, the Pines Resort Hotel in the Catskills, and in many theaters and cabarets around the NYC area. His first play—a romantic comedy, *Life on the Third Rail*, starring Lee Meredith and Jim Walton—was performed off-Broadway and off-off-Broadway and became the Baldwin Theater's biggest box-office hit ever. He adapted Stephen Crane's book and wrote the lyrics for the musical *The Third Violet*, which became the centerpiece of the Stephen Crane festival in the Catskill region several years ago. ✷ **Peter Karlson** has been promoted to VP and general counsel at the Angell Pension Group in Rumford. Peter and wife

Midd ski team alums in Yellowstone (see 1978 column)

Candace live in Warwick. ✷ With a new three-year contract as CEO of the Vermont Teddy Bear Company, **Elisabeth Robert** has been praised for restoring the company to financial stability and improved profitability. Under her leadership, VTB closed three retail stores and returned to the line of business that accounts for more than 70 percent of sales: the BEAR-GRAM delivery service. It's on the Web at www.vtbear.com. ✷ **Anne Noble Ervine** has joined the DC staff of the Magazine Publishers of America as government affairs counsel. She was formerly senior counsel to Twentieth Television (L.A.), producer of *America's Most Wanted* and www.amw.com. ✷ Although he had to miss reunion, **Kevin O' Leary** completed the California AIDS bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles last June. The ride covers 574 miles (well, 560 but Kevin took a detour to go to the beach) in seven days and each rider had to raise a minimum of $2,500 in pledges for AIDS research. "It was disappointing to miss reunion, but the ride was a great experience and seeing my daughters cheering at the end was something I'll never forget. If my supply of Geritol holds out, maybe I'll try it again next year." This year Kevin is nursing his aching muscles and sore butt. Kevin practices law in L.A. and lives with his wife, two daughters, and two dogs. He'd love to hear from anybody coming to the area. ✷ Some Midd Ski Team alums got together after competing in the Yellowstone Rendezvous cross-country ski race (American Ski Marathon Series) last March: **Kathy Anderson**, Bill Wells '66, John Morton '68, and Glenn Govertsen '66. Competing but missing the photo were Jennifer Douglas '91 and Wendi Urie '89.

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Jill Rosser, an assistant prof. of English at OH Univ., has been awarded a $20,000 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. Her first book of poetry, *Bright Moves* (Northeastern Univ. Press, 1990) won the national Morse Poetry Prize. She won *Poetry* magazine's Frederick Bock prize in 1989, a Bread Loaf Writers' Conference fellowship in 1991. Jill and husband Mark Halliday live in Athens, OH, with daughter Devon. ✷ **Geoff Anderson** (gdanderson@bkb.com) and wife Jeannette celebrated their 15th anniversary by going to Maui for 10 days. "Yes, we did all of the usual tourist attractions like biking down a volcano, snorkeling, and whale watching, etc., but it was a great time. My parents came out to CA to take care of our three boys and from what we have heard that was an experience for all involved." Geoff still manages the CA office for EquiServe, LP, a company headquartered in MA. He invites friends to stop by EquiServe in Los Altos, "in the heart of the Silicon Valley," at 289 S. San Antonio Road (650-947-3228). ✷ **Jeffrey Anderholm** is now VP of marketing for Davox, a leading developer of call management software. He has also served as VP of marketing for Art Technology Group, VP of electronic channel development at Fidelity Investments, and he managed and executed a worldwide marketing strategy for Lotus 1-2-3. ✷ Congratulations to **Karen Cassedy** (kmcassedy@aol.com) and W. Lawrence Hollar, who were married on March 28, 1998. They're living in Arlington, VA. ✷ Mezzo **Majie Zeller** enjoys both oratorio and opera roles in performances with the Cantata Singers and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She soloed in Bach's *Magnificat* and Respighi's *Laud to the Nativity* last December at the Groton-Dunstable Performing Arts Center. ✷ **Christopher Merrill** holds the William H. Jenks Chair in Contemporary Letters at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. A poet, essayist, critic, journalist, and editor, Kit has gained a reputation as an expert on the Balkans after writing extensively on his experiences covering the war there. His latest book on the subject, *Only the Nails Remain: A Baltic Triptych*, will be published this fall. He has written, edited, or translated 15 books, including *The Grass of Another Country* (a journey through the world of soccer), *From the Faraway Nearby: Georgia O'Keeffe as Icon* (co-edited with Ellen Bradbury), and *The Old Bridge: The Third Balkan War and the Age of the Refugee* (a monograph on the Balkans during the Bosnian War). In a newspaper interview, Kit offered a deceptively simple explanation for his achievements: "You have to structure your life so that as many of your impulses can flourish as possible. You have to figure out what works for you."

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Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 15 Spring House Rd., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

After eight years on Nantucket, Chip '81 and **Rosanna Agnew LaBonte** (rosanna@nantucket.net) are moving back to the "mainland" so that daughter Katie (12) can attend Dana Hall in Wellesley. Rosie and Chip also have a new daughter, Bonnie, who was born in April 1998. ✷ **Yvette Morrill** and husband Nobu Kondo are also thrilled with their new daughter, Hiromi, born August 3, 1998. "She and her brothers, Ryosuke (7 1/2) and Takanori (4 1/2), keep us very busy and constantly entertained. We're looking forward to seeing old friends at Reunion 2000." ✷ AT&T has elected **Daniel Schulman** executive VP of the company and president, long distance and segment marketing, in AT&T's consumer services unit. He has also become a member of the company's most senior executive body, the AT&T operations group. Daniel and wife Jennie live with their two children in Warren, NJ. ✷ **Robin Bell** is a research scientist at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. With a Ph.D. from Columbia (1989) in geophysics, she has conducted extensive aerogeophysical work in West Antarctica to investigate the interaction of tectonics and ice sheet dynamics. A director of the NSF SOAR (Support Office for Aerogeophysical Research) Facility in Antarctica, she's also actively involved with industry partners in developing a next-generation gravity gradiometry platform and interpretation tools for exploration geophysics. ✷ The correct e-mail address for **Stephen Croncota** is stephen_croncota@warnerbros.com. ✷ **Karen Brophy Hagy** was ordained as assistant pastor at the Bedford Presbyterian Church last October. It was only within the past five years she decided to pursue a career in religion. She graduated from the Andover Newton School of Theology with a master's in divinity in May 1998 and "miraculously" got a job at her former home church in Bedford. While living in Bedford from 1984 to 1994, she and husband Chip had chosen Bedford Presbyterian Church as "a meeting place of my Roman Catholic background and his Unitarian background." Karen and Chip have two daughters, Katy (12) and Brenna (10). ✷ **Jeff Barstow** reminds us that 1998 marked the first time people spent more money in restaurants than in grocery stores. This is of interest to Jeff and brother Chris because they happen to be in the food business. Favorite Foods Inc., which Jeff started in the early '80s, has grown rapidly over the last year and has increased to service about 400 NH area restaurants. Jeff, who has two children, Jaclyn and Brendan, is in the process of rebuilding his house on Hampton Beach. ✷ **Ren Barlow** was elected to Middlebury's town selectboard at Town Meeting last March. A partner in the Middlebury law firm of Langrock Sperry & Wool, Ren had eight years of experience in municipal affairs as a planner in the state of WA and as a long-use planner in several communities in VT. Ren and wife Linn Larson live on South Street with their two children.

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Corinne Corrigan Schneider (cschneider@christies.com) has a new job at Christie's as business manager, 20th century art department. She finished her M.A. in English literature at Bread Loaf, Oxford, last summer (1998). "It took me longer than usual as I am not in education and so have not had summers off to study. Instead, I was able to attend the sessions during two maternity leaves (i.e. with newborn babies coming to lectures with me) and finally a six-week sabbatical from Christie's, where I have been working for 10 years. It feels great to have completed the degree, but already I am thinking about starting another one. I've been in London for 10 years now and my daughters, Emily (6) and Madeline (4), are growing up with proper English accents." ✷ **Peter Herman** (phh@imaagency.com) brings us up to date via e-mail. After working in advertising in NYC for five years, he worked the next five years as marketing director for Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Next he landed in Northborough, MA, managing the commercial insurance sales department for his family insurance agency business (IMA). "We do business with **Michael Price** and **Elaine King Nickerson**. I would love to hear from other alums in the area." Peter and wife Stefanie have two sons, Jacob and Max. ✷ Formerly VP of marketing at ESC Medical Systems, **Timothy Costello** was named VP of marketing at Candela Corp. in February. Candela develops and manufactures products using lasers, cryosurgery, and other hair removal technologies. ✷ **Cathryn Cole-Diouf** and husband Babacar announce the birth of son Alsan at home on

Moms and daughters get together (see 1985 column)

September 9, 1998. He joins brother Omar (8), who is being homeschooled. Cathryn is also volunteering as a La Leche League leader in Brooklyn. ✷ Citing her outstanding service on behalf of working women, the Claremont (NH) Business and Professional Women's Club recently present **Heather Mortenson Minkler** with the 1998 Woman of Achievement award. She was honored at a state convention in May. A former president of the Independent Insurance Agents of NH, she was the second woman to hold the post. Heather is VP of the Mortenson Insurance Agency in Claremont, where she lives with husband Tom and children Christopher (13) and Michael (10). Heather and Tom were married on August 8, 1998. Congratulations!

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Welcome to the summer notes. We start off this column with news of a classmate and friend who is working for a terrific cause. **Harold McKay** has a very full life in Orleans, Ontario, where he works at the National Defence Headquarters for the Canadian Air Force. He and wife Pam have three sons—Matthew (6), Daniel (4), and Christopher (2 1/2.) Matthew experienced some health challenges early in his life and, as a result, Harold has become involved with a program called Caps for Kids. This organization gathers hats signed by celebrities to distribute to children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. They've gathered caps signed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Wayne Gretzky, Jimmy Buffet, and Mickey Mouse, among others. There are 30 children's cancer treatment centers in the U.S. and Canada participating in the program. So, calling all well-connected alums! Please use your connections to get caps autographed and send them up to Harold. He'll make sure they get to the kids. Harold's address is 2172 Gardenway Dr., Orleans, Ontario, Canada K4A 3S4. ✷ In other news, **Andrew Wilson**, who is the assistant head at the Grier School in PA, has been traveling around the world and visiting with far-flung alums. On a recent business trip to Japan he had dinner with **Milton Moreno**, who is on assignment in Tokyo with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees. Milton (ishara@tka.att.ne.jp) and wife Keiko, also a UN employee, have two children. During the same business trip, Andrew met with **Frank Lambert** in Seoul, Korea, where he is academic director at Pagoda Foreign Language Institute. Frank (franklambert@hotmail.com) and wife Yong Sook have two children, Francesca and Nikos. ✷ **Ruth Oxenberg** and husband Rob Schumer have their hands full with twins Clea and Ted Schumer, born April 16, 1998. Ruth (oxlox1@aol.com) is working part time as a producer at ABC News *World News Tonight* with Peter Jennings. ✷ Congratulations also to **Sara Grove Macaulay** and husband James, who welcomed daughter Isabel Garland Macaulay on April 13, 1998. Isabel joins big sister Emily (7). ✷ From 1988 through 1998, **Brian Moran** was a criminal prosecutor in Kitsap County, WA. Now, he writes, he has "accepted a position as the chief of the criminal prosecution unit for the State Attorney General's office and I work in downtown Seattle, when I am not visiting various counties throughout the State." ✷ **Keith McCurdy** has relocated his family to sunny San Jose. Keith was promoted to national sales manager and headed out to corporate headquarters after stints in Boston and Houston. Keith and Mandy have three kids—Kyle (9), Tyler (7), and Christina (5). Now that Keith is out in CA, he gets together with **RJ Hake** occasionally and caught up with **Chris Kelley** on a recent business trip. ✷ **Christopher King** is now VP and investment counselor of the Stratevest Group in Pittsfield, MA. He had been with the private portfolio group of Merrill Lynch for 14 years. ✷ Finally, congratulations to the recipient of the Class of 1982 Scholarship, an East Asian Studies major who has been studying abroad. ✷ Enjoy your summer and please keep us posted on news of all '82ers.

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Karlene Goller has been promoted to VP in the legal department of the L.A. *Times*, the largest metropolitan daily newspaper in the country. She had been the deputy general counsel for the *Times* and continues to serve as lead counsel on all editorial and newsroom legal issues. According to a spokesperson at the *Times*, "Karlene is a nationally recognized First Amendment lawyer who has successfully represented the *Times* on many major legal issues at both the state and national level." ✷ **Daniel Kagan** spoke this spring in New Orleans at the national symposium of the National College of Advocacy. A partner in the firm of Berman & Simmons, he addresses fellow trial attorneys on strategies for success in personal injury cases. A frequent speaker at trial-related seminars, he also writes on a variety of civil trial issues. Daniel lives with wife Julie and their children in Freeport, ME. ✷ **Catharine Wright** received an opportunity grant from the Vermont Arts Council for the completion and revision of her novel, *The Homelife*. Born and raised in Cornwall, VT, she is living there again in what she calls "the rooted phase of life" with husband **Marc Lapin** and their two children. Her novel takes place in VT and Rochester, NY, places connected to her life. She says that her work "has elements of a coming of age tale, but because of the complexity, it is also about the coming of age of family." While completing the novel and seeking a publisher, Catharine has been a visiting lecturer in writing at the College during the past year. ✷ **Cheryl Potter** lives in central VT with daughters Jenna and Cheyenne. Cheryl's fiber and yarn business, Cherry Tree Hill Yarn, is online at www.cherryyarn.com. She makes and markets handpainted yarn which she sells all over the U.S. and Canada. Her fibers have been featured in *Vogue Knitter's*, and *Interweave Knits*. Her book on hand-dyed yarns is due out in fall 2000. Cheryl teaches classes and conducts workshops at fiber-related conferences and artist colonies nationwide. ✷ **Dan Elish** writes from NYC that he's working on his first adult novel, having published several children's books. From time to time, he hears from **John Canaday, Bart Kahr, Mary Peitz Kelly, Betsy Hickock**, and **Doug Kincade**. ✷ **Javier Damien** was recently spotted shushing down the slopes at Sugarbush, where he was visiting with the New Jersey Ski Club. ✷ **Steve** and **Karen Cleary Pollack** live in IN with their two sons. Karen teaches high school French and Steve is a chief investment officer. ✷ **Rebecca Fox** is about to be ordained as a Presbyterian minister. She lives in Austin, TX, with husband Jon Nuelle and daughters Carolyn Grace and Sarah Kathryn. ✷ **Anne Sudkamp** and husband Tim Walker have a son, Cole Richard Sudkamp-Walker, born January 23. He joins sister Helen (4.5). Anne continues to work part time as the telecommuting editor of the *Russian Far East News*, a web- and e-mail-based newsletter on business and economics in the Russian Far East, for the American Russian Center at the Univ. of AK, Anchorage. "All is well up here in the Far North."

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David Caudle wrote to say he ran into the brother of **Tom Sullivan** in a NYC art gallery recently. Though he hadn't seen Tom in 16 years, he recognized his brother immediately by the family resemblance! David has his own mural painting business, called Scenic Wonders, with a studio overlooking the Manhattan skyline. He has been painting for artist David Salle, who featured David's work in two Soho gallery shows this year. Madonna has a mural painted by David in her home. This is the mural he painted for Madonna's video, "Nothing Really Matters." He also wrote a short film, *Landfill*, that appeared in the Hudson Valley Film Festival last year and screened recently at the Cleveland International Film Festival. His feature-length film *One Month's Security* starts shooting this summer. The central character and her love interest are portrayed as Middlebury College graduates from the Class of '84! David assures us they're not based on any real classmates! ✷ **Maria (Mariella) Colvin** has been living in Boulder for 14 years, except for a five-year stint doing graduate work in philosophy at the Univ. of Chicago. Maria's husband, Will Toor, is the director of the Environmental Center at the Univ. of CO and the mayor of Boulder. Maria is presently out of the work force to be with son Nikolaus (8 mos.). "We live in a co-op house with six other adults and enjoy and encourage that kind of living arrangement—affordable and socially and intellectually stimulating." ✷ **Larry Goldstein** moved from Virginia Beach to Downingtown, PA, in November '98. "Visitors are always welcome; for reservations call 610-518-1747. Jennifer and I had our third son, Max, in February of '98. Max joins brothers Jack and Kress for intense games of street hockey in the basement every night." ✷ Still living in Portland, OR, **Leslie Swanson** is the senior director of software engineering at Sequent Computer Systems. She welcomes news from class-

mates at 16055 S.W. Walker Rd., #222, Beaverton, OR 97006. ✷ **Robert** and **Terri-Jo Webster Woellner** are thrilled with the new addition to their family, Margaux Noel Woellner, who arrived on December 10. "Hard to believe one could be so completely smitten with a 5-lb. 4-oz. baby, but we are!" They live in Denver where they can be reached at twoellne@du.edu. ✷ .Elizabeth Stewart Wells arrived on January 14, joining George (3 1/2), who is "very psyched" to be a big brother! They live with parents Kathryn Breslin and **Mason Wells** in New Canaan, CT. Mason reports that he is still taking the choo-choo to the Big Apple. ✷ **Gloria Maroti** writes, "After braving the wall-to-wall sunshine of CA, I've moved to the capital of the wine world, and am now director of education at the *Wine Spectator* in NYC. Drink wine and e-mail me at gmaroti1997@alum.kellogg.nwu.edu. ✷ **Frederick Hocker** (hocker@natmus.dk) and wife Emma Elizabeth have two children, Thomas (born 1994) and Simon (born October '98). Fred reports: "Have just moved into a 175-year-old farmhouse in a village dating back to Viking times. Working on research into the history of seafaring in Scandinavia. After work, we go out on the Roskilde Fjord and sail replicas of Viking ships, unless the weather really stinks, when we go to the pub." Fred is senior researcher and director of research at the Center for Maritime Research at National Museum of Denmark (Web site www.natmus.dk).

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A 1985 mini reunion brought together **Toni Mauck Butterfield** with daughter Allie (from ME), **Nancy Urner-Berry** and daughters Margaret and Katherine (from CT), and **Deb Tripp Budden** and daughter Sophie (from Vienna, Austria). They missed **Jenny Karin Sidford** and son Ben, but had a great time. (See photo.) ✷ **Barbara Kennedy** and husband Felipe Bernales live in Round Rock, TX. Barbara has started a new job as a teacher's aide, after teaching German at the Univ. of TX at Austin for seven years and English as a second Language at Texas Intensive English Program for another seven years. "Working with four-to-seven-year-olds is quite a switch after so many years of teaching adults of all ages. But change is good and I am learning new things and deciding whether to get certified in Montessori or go back to ESL. I also keep busy teaching aerobics and taxi-ing my three kids around to swim meets, soccer games, and choir practice sessions. Anyone else from '85 planning to attend the 15-year reunion? Get in touch with me: cheetahmom@aol.com. I missed the other reunions but will definitely be at this one!" ✷ Frank and **Sharon Creem Zerilli** (szerilli@nassau.cv.net) live in Mill Neck, NY, with children Caroline (2) and Jack (9 mos.). ✷ **Faith Bruins**, Esq. has been named a partner in the law firm of Peabody and Brown in Boston. Her practice is primarily in the field of syndication law. ✷ **Dominic LaPierre** has been appointed senior architect at Ashley McGraw Architects in Syracuse, NY. ✷ The marriage of **Jennifer Fisk** and Alan Fosberry took place on September 1, 1998. She e-mails from aljenfosberry@snet.net: "Wahoo! got married, bought a new house, now working in downtown Hartford, still driving same old car!" ✷ Mallory and **Doug Price** welcomed daughter Caroline on July 15, 1998. "She joins our four–legged child, Spooner." They live in Wallingford, CT, where Doug works at Choate Rosemary Hall. ✷ Lisa and **Peter Clough** "were blessed with a baby son, Zachary Grant, who joined us on February 17. All are doing well." ✷ By the time you receive this issue of the *Magazine*, our 15th Reunion (15 YEARS!) and the College's 200th birthday will be less than one year away. Please begin making plans now for what should be a memorable weekend amongst the Green Mountains and old friends. Look forward to seeing everyone.

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Lots of good baby news this time. ✷ Helen and **Michael Epley** have welcomed twin daughters Lilian and Olivia to the family. "They are gorgeous and were born November 1, 1998." Mike is the director of a software development company in NYC. ✷ In Rye, NY, John and **Lisa Eddy Donnelly** welcomed daughter Jaime to the family on January 26. Brother Jack was particularly thrilled! ✷ Grace Hamilton Hering arrived on January 28. Her happy parents are Elizabeth and **Mike Hering**. ✷ Akram and **Melissa Kontoff Eljamal** welcomed son Khalil Anwar on February 2. He joins sister Mekarem (3). With her master's degree in higher education administration (Univ. of MI, 1995), Melissa is now a program coordinator at an engineering research center at the Univ. of MI. She loves living in Ann Arbor and is learning a lot about Big Ten sports! Melissa also sent news of **Nancie Ravenel**, who is a conservator at the Shelburne Museum in VT, and **Carolyn Highley**, a nurse in Arcata, CA, where she is becoming an outdoor adventure junkie. Carolyn e-mails Melissa with tails of white-water rafting, sky-diving, and snowboarding. ✷ **Chris** and **Lisa Cheney Sullivan** added Theodore "Teddy" Nelson Sullivan to their family on March 1. He joins big sister Elaine. ✷ One day later, on March 2, Andrew '83 and **Monica Carroll McCabe** welcomed son Duncan, who joins sister Jane (5) and brother Shaw (3). ✷ And in NYC, class secretary **Mary Sue Holland Dehn** and husband Frank are the happy parents of a new daughter, Molly, who arrived on January 13. ✷ **Lee Higham** and Todd Tinker were married on February 13, in Corsicana, TX, by their friend County Judge Jamie Bagnoll. Lee wrote in the spring: "The marriage was the surprise event at a Valentine's Day dinner party. It has been almost two months since the event and our friends and relatives are still surprised. We feel it was the logical way to legalize a nine-year relationship." They live in Dallas.

Paola Venturini '90 and Margie Butler '90 (see 1990 column)

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Bill Lucas has been admitted as an associate partner in Andersen Consulting's retail industry practice, where he manages projects for large retail clients. Bill lives in Chicago, where he has been actively involved in the Big Brother organization for several years. ✷ **Shawn Megathlin** (srmega@ime.net) sends an update, knowing for sure that he "must be on someone's missing-in-action list." After law school at Case Western Reserve (Cleveland, OH), he and wife Kathy moved back to Portland, ME. Son Reid was born in 1991, followed by twin daughters Hannah and Kaitlyn in 1997. Their latest addition, Braden Shawn, was born on January 11. "After working for two law firms, I have hung out my own shingle. It keeps you focused on the bottom line, but it feels good to run a law practice the way I want." ✷ **Kimmy Chedel** says "being a mom is awesome!" Kimmy and husband Frank Doyle welcomed first child Zoë Noël Doyle on November 26, 1998—Thanksgiving Day. Kimmy is still working in fixed income emerging market sales with Chase securities. ✷ **Stuart Dwyer** (stuartad@aol.com) recently moved to Lyon, France, where he is responsible for setting up a consulate. This is his fourth tour in the foreign service, after Quebec City, Moscow, and DC. He writes: "It has been a pretty good run, but it would be nice to put down some roots at some point." Before going down to Lyon, he was at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, where he got to catch up with **Hugh Bishop** and his wife Clarita (Spanish '97), who were in Paris on business. They have a son, who was born in August 1998. Stuart also writes: "Saw **Sally Evans** last fall in Munich at Oktoberfest. Sally and husband Matthias are doing well. Sally works for BMG Music. **Bob Post** is in DC, getting ready to go out to Ukraine for the U.S. Information Agency (actually now the public diplomacy bureau of the State Department). **John Hershey** is working for a law firm in Kazakstan." ✷ **Steve Etka** (sdetka@aol.com) is doing well with his own consulting business, which he started after six years working in the U.S. Senate. He does lobbying and federal policy consulting on agriculture, transportation, and environmental issues. He and wife Joanna Dwyer Etka (M.A. Spanish '87) have three kids—Catie (8), Patrick (6). and Peter (1.5). Steve provided several updates on classmates. **Bernard** and **Trish Clary Condon** live in NYC, where Bernard works for *Forbes* magazine. ✷ **Stephanie Houtzeel** is an opera singer in Europe. Last year she acquired a husband, Charlie, who plays flute with a symphony in Germany. ✷ **Stephanie Goggin Bichet** and husband Henri live with their two children on the MA coast north of Gloucester. Stephanie works for an arm of Andersen Consulting. ✷ Living in Lambertville, NJ (outside of Philly), **Charlie Groth** and husband Dan Tuft have a daughter, Keziah. ✷ Pete and **Emily Thayer Benson** live in NH with their two kids. ✷ **Scott Sunbury** (sesunbury@cbrichardellis.com) is living "at the beach" in Redondo Beach, CA, with wife Melissa Kirchner and son, Nathaniel, born last November. Scott writes, "Within two years I graduated (from Carnegie

Mellon with an MBA in finance), got married, bought a house, and had a baby. It has been a fast ride, but it has also been great. I am really starting to feel like a grown up now." Scott is a project manager for Richard Ellis (formerly CB Commercial). ✷ As for your secretary, **Ann Christie Gusiff**, I am happy to report that the nonprofit I founded in 1995, Clothes The Deal, now has a full-time, paid executive director. I am now transitioning to my new role as chairman of the board and enjoying my time at home with daughter Christiana (2 in September). Please e-mail Scott and/or me with your notes. We love to hear from you!

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Class Secretaries: *Anya Puri (apuri@lawrenceville.org), 2549 Main St., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648; and Claire Gwatkin (claire_gwatkin@gap.com), 4284 24th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.*

Watching the Kinkos ad with the chickens will be more fun now that you know they were produced by **Sybil McCarthy Hadfield**. She is usually busy working on the Acura account, the Infiniti Launch and more recently the Nissan Altima launch at TBWA/Chiat/Day Advertising, Inc. "The Kinkos spots were really fun for me, because they were really different," she comments. Sybil and production designer husband David live in Santa Monica, CA. ✷ **Ted Trask** has been appointed assistant VP at Cambridge Savings Bank. ✷ **Todd Fonner** works in NYC for Centre Solutions, a specialty reinsurer. He sees **Peter Mark** from time to time and has "the occasional random encounter with classmates, such as **Bill Rappel, Chip Wadsworth**, and **Paolo Bonetti**'s mom, but otherwise have completely lost touch with the Midd crew." ✷ **Jed Smith** has started a new company called drugstore.com. "It has been quite an experience—from me with an idea to eight employees last August to 150 in spring '99. We have a good shot at changing the way healthcare products and services are delivered. No small mission. :) Check out the service—I hope that you find it convenient, informative, and easy to use. Toss me a note anytime: jed@drugstore.com." Jed and Fiona have moved to Seattle—"a long way from Boston, where we spent the last five years. Stayed with **Ebbe Altberg** and family for three months when I got here. They're fantastic. Aleks (8) and Stefan (5) are wonderful. Ebbe's still cranking at Microsoft. Dave Buckland '89 is Mr. Silicon Valley, where he continues to put enormous energy and creativity into the high tech space. He, Anne Marie Peterson-Buckland '89, Isaac, and Tressa are a gorgeous family. **Rob MacLeod** is Mr. Deal Guy, doing the ibanking thing for a boutique firm in L.A. He and Kathleen have become true southern Californians, but I'll bet they'll make it back to New England at some point. **Hirsch (Marc Hirschfield)** continues to crank out the best cafe/hangout/eateria in Jackson, WY, the Betty Rock Cafe. He and Anise have a son (6 mos.). **Clark Munnell** got married in New York this April. With that news, **George Lee** stated that 'a great sequoia has fallen!' George and Renate and Isabel live in glorious Marin County. Gee continues to kick butt at Goldman Sachs. **Ben Maeck** is a doctor, also in San Francisco. Ben Maeck—a doctor. Wow! Ben, give me a holler. **Melissa Duryea Lewis** is married and still in England, I believe. **Mike Halle** is doing all sorts of creative and wonderful stuff in Portland. Mike, let's connect in the glorious (albeit rainy) Pacific Northwest!" ✷ **Brad Ring** (ring@sover.net) celebrated the New Year by welcoming his new daughter, Bridget Whalen, born on January 2 at the Rutland, VT, hospital. Bridget joins big sister Bailey (3) at their home in Manchester Center, VT, where Brad and wife Kathleen recently launched a publishing company called Battenkill Communications. ✷ Andrea and **Rob Johnstone** had their first child on May 9, 1998. Her name is Sydney Josephine Johnstone. ✷ The marriage of Tiphaine Ravenel and **Paolo Bonetti** took place on March 27 at Middleton Place in Charleston, SC. Now living in Boulder, Tiphaine is a graduate student at the Univ. of CO and Paolo is employed by M.J. Construction.

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Congratulations to **Ann Battelle**, who capped her World Cup mogul ski season by winning the final World Cup competition held in Inawashiro, Japan, last winter. Ann had contemplated retirement after last year's Winter Games in Nagano, but instead came out the World Cup season champion. ✷ **Marianne Boesky** runs a Manhattan art gallery where a recent exhibit was featured in *Spin* magazine. The exhibit featured works by Takashi Murakami, a leader in Japan's Neo-Pop school, a late '90s movement of media-saturated art based on comics and animation. ✷ **Chris Hiland** (chiland@hotmail.com) recently left his job as a consultant to join the Jack Morton Company, a marketing strategy and communications firm. He has "heard through the grapevine that **Graham Goldsmith** is diving into the wild world of Internet entrepreneurship with Home Sweet Home, a chat room/catalog site dedicated to do-it-yourself confectioners." ✷ **Aniko Nakazawa Delaney** has been promoted to VP at the Bank of New York. She has also completed her MBA studies at the Stern School of Business (NYU). ✷ **Mark Mariani** writes: "I've been completing my novel, *One Year Out*, and am looking for agents to represent it. The novel is about my first year out of Middlebury. Also, I work with special needs kids." ✷ **Sabine Pulver Coates** is an analytical chemist for Advanced Biolanalytical Services in Ithaca, NY. Her husband, Geoffrey, works at Cornell. They travel to Sabine's native Switzerland to visit her parents every two years. ✷ **Rebecca Goldman** reports that she would love to join us at the 10th Reunion, but can't because she is busy packing up and moving to Israel! Husband Benjamin and children Rachel, Hannah, and Israel Meir were looking forward to the move. "Stay in touch at rebecca@officehours.com," she writes, and "come visit!" ✷ **Nancy Moore** is in her second year of the M.Div. program at Boston Univ. School of Theology. While serving her internship at St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Allston, she's "having a great time living in Boston." ✷ **Jim** and **Catherine Eells Reilly** are the proud parents of son Sam, named after Catherine's dad. "Anyway he is big and fat and totally adorable. I LOVE being a mom! By the time this gets in the magazine we will all have seen each other at reunion and it will be old news, but I figured I'd write you about Sam anyway." Catherine teaches at Greenwich Academy and Jimmy works for Advantage, a sports marketing company. ✷ Charlie and **Liz Ozimek Crowley** welcomed son Colin Blake Crowley on October 30, 1998. He joins sister Claire (3). Liz writes from New York: "I am finishing my residency in psychiatry at Montefiore Medical Center in July, but I will stay for an additional year as chief resident. From time to time I run into **Melanie Friedlander**, who is working hard as a surgical resident at Montefiore. I also keep in close touch with **Doro Herrey**, who is in NYC again with a new management consulting job after her graduation from Wharton B.S., and with **Heidi Davidson**. Heidi and husband Rich Tapper live in NC, where Heidi teaches art and yoga." ✷ **Tracy Nordstrom** and Kurt Waltenbaugh were married recently. Celebrating with them were David and **Porter Ball Knight** and son Liam (born March 30, 1998). Tracy writes: "I run a garden design and restoration business and am going into my 10th year of entrepreneurism! My husband and I recently bought a 95-year-old house on a lake in Minneapolis and every spare minute is spent renovating. It is our second renovation project together. Like my father says, 'If a couple can get through remodeling, they can get through anything!' I wear my Middlebury sweatshirts walking and playing broomball here in Mpls, and occasionally someone stops and asks about Midd. I have seen only five or six cars over the years with Midd stickers. Is everyone still in New England? I'm not attending Reunion (my busiest planting time of the season), but would love to re-connect with Midd friends. As I watch the seasons here in MN, I think about the changes I observed while at Midd. I always miss VT in the fall. Hope to be back for a visit soon."

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Perkins Miller will be busy for a while, overseeing about 800 types of publications for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. He started to work last winter as director of publications, preparing books, brochures, catalogs, manuals, user guides, Olympic progress reports, newsletters, and programs about numerous aspects of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Last year he was editor-in-chief of *Mountain Sports & Living*, a lifestyle magazine formerly known as *Snow Country*. ✷ We have two new physicians practicing obstetrics and gynecology. In Delmar, NY, Dr. **Jennifer Mosmen** has joined the practice of St. Peter's Delmar Women's Health Care Associates. She got her MD from the Univ. of CT School of Medicine and did her residency at Hartford (CT) Hospital. Dr. **Eleanor Berry** got her MD from the Univ. of MD School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Univ. of CT. Eleanor has joined the practice of Drs. Samuelson, Kaczmarek & Landry in Waterbury, CT. ✷ After Dan and **Leanne Potvin Fesenmeyer** got their MBAs from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, they moved to sunny Atlanta, where Leanne is the marketing manager for Holiday Inn Express, a new brand from Bass PLC. "Please keep in touch at leanne.fesenmeyer&basshotels.com." ✷ In Queensbury, NY, **Craig Jenkin** is a partner in Haanen, Jenkin & Hutchins. He left his former job with Ahlstrom to join Haanen Engineering as a project engineer and construction manager. ✷ Summit, NJ, resident **Ross Smith** has joined the banking and corporate department of the Bourne, Noll & Kenyon firm. He was formerly with the Princeton office of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay. ✷ **Chris** and **Holly**

Beatty Bernene welcomed first child Allegra "Allie" on November 17, 1998. They live in Sudbury, MA, where Chris is a consultant with Mercer Management Consulting and Holly is the director of the annual fund for the Boston Latin School Assoc. Chris and Holly see a lot of Midd friends Nick '91 and **Kiersten Haskell Warendorf**, Rod and **Natalie Waters Wright**, and Steve '89 and **Debbie Reed Hopkins**, who just moved to Sudbury's neighboring town of Wayland. ✷ Sarah Raphael arrived on December 22, 1998, to parents **Michele Thorp** and David Raphael in Carlisle, PA. ✷ **Alison Bramley Miller** and husband Eric welcomed their first child, Kirsten Anne Miller, on January 8, 1999. ✷ **Elizabeth Toder** has been accepted to a study abroad semester in Hong Kong at Chinese Univ., beginning in January 2000. While busy with business school, she keeps in touch with classmates in NYC. She reports that **Steph Cooper** is doing well working for the city and was nominated for a leadership seminar. "In five years she'll have Rudy's job, but she won't make a big deal about jaywalking." **YoungHae Chu** is now working at DLJ and **Matt Traina** works many hours at CS First Boston. **Deb Tobey** recently visited from Santa Fe. Elizabeth also visited **Betsy Winchester** in Steamboat Springs, CO, where they had a great time skiing. ✷ Congratulations to **Olivia Wolf** and Claudio Middleton, who were married on August 1, 1998, in Huntingdon Valley, PA. **Thérèse Oliff** was a bridesmaid. The newlyweds are teaching at the Peddie School. ✷ Before heading to Brazil for work, **Margie Butler** visited **Paola Venturini** (pventurini@parkhyatt.com.ar) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in February. (See photo.)

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Congratulations to **Jen Douglas**, who took the silver medal in the women's 15-km race at the U.S. cross-country ski championships in January at Black Mountain in Rumford, ME. ✷ **Bryan Thomas** launched his long-awaited CD *Radio Plastic Jennifer* in February at http://www.bryanthomas.com. The online "radio plastic preview" included audio clips, song lyrics and notes, album art, and the making of the CD. The album was recorded in December '98 and was on track for an April release by WT3 Records at cdbaby.com. ✷ **Michelle Graber Bergland** (michelle.bergland@ef.com) visited the Middlebury campus on Presidents' Day Weekend. With an MBA from NYU, she's a CPA in charge of finance and administration at EF Travel, a Swedish international travel company in Cambridge, MA. Michelle and husband John Bergland (German School, '91) have "bought a house in Medfield, MA, not far from **Sue Melo**'s home town. After living in NYC for five years, we just love the Boston area." ✷ **Carrie McCusker** (camccusker@aol.com) and husband Tom Brady bought a house on the coast of ME last summer. With her master's in literary education being completed this summer, Carrie is an English as a second language teacher and program coordinator in Cumberland. Tom is a surgeon in Portland. ✷ After three years at Merrill Lynch in Tokyo, **Erica Sasaki Gill** (egill@mail.utexas.edu) and husband Ron have moved to Austin, TX, where Erica is in her first year of law school at the Univ. of TX. "Life is busy, but fun. Austin is awesome." ✷ **Jeremy Braddock** is a teaching fellow at the Univ. of PA, where he has taught courses in writing, poetry, and literature. This year he's teaching in the upper school at Germantown Friends School. ✷ **Ann Dahlquist** writes: "After a year and a half in England, I have returned to sunny CA, where I continue to work for Intel in channels marketing. Drop me a line at ann_dahlquist@hotmail.com." ✷ Colchester, VT, resident **Greg Western** (gwestern@together.net) continues to work for the Green Mountain Club. ✷ On December 6, **Claudia Cooper** and Coleman Church were married on Guana Island in the British Virgin Islands. Claudia is the director of children's programming for ABC-TV in NYC. ✷ Amy Pagliarini and **Stephen Quinn** were married on June 19. Steve is director of special sales at Harry N. Abrams Publishing.

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Amy Randall (amyflyfish@hotmail.com) has completed a 15-month fly fishing trip around the world. She writes, "I traveled alone but met hundreds of fascinating people along the way and caught and released hundreds of fish as well! I explored 20 different countries and caught fish on the fly in every continent—except the one I didn't visit, Antarctica. Along the way I sponged off of **Campbell Barrett** by staying in the spare room of her London flat. Cammie, **Chris Bushey**, **Eric Mendelsohn**, and I had a great night out at the pubs. Chris is studying in London, and Eric was just passing through on business. I'm back in Portland, OR, now, writing a book about my adventures. I spend as much time as possible on the beautiful rivers we have here, working this summer as a fly fishing guide. Please drop me an e-mail anytime." ✷ Pro snowboarder **Nate Simms** trains for much of the year at Diamond Peak in Lake Tahoe, NV. In 1996 he was U.S. National Pro Tour overall champion. Although he travels the globe, it's not all fun, according to a recent newspaper interview: "The travel sounds really great at first, but when you're living out of a bag for seven months of the year, it gets old pretty quick. And Lake Tahoe sounds great, but you just come and train and do what you've got to do." In addition to lugging equipment up the mountain day after day, hitting the gym on a daily basis, eating right, and foregoing alcohol, Nate also spends hours on the phone each day with his sponsors, trying to make sure he has the right equipment. Every summer he returns to his hometown of Troy, NY, to work with the 15-Love youth tennis program. ✷ **Patricia Liu** (patricia_liu@global.t-bird.edu) left Hong Kong in November 1998 and began her first semester at Thunderbird in AZ this winter. Her focus will be in finance. ✷ **Chris** and **Sherry Pelkey Roper** live in Charlottesville, NC. Sherry was recently awarded the Edward May Scholarship at Dartmouth Univ. of VA, where she is doing a master's in management communications in business. ✷ **Kristen Scruton**, who is a customer-service rep at Sims Portex Inc. of Keene, is pursuing a master's in management at Antioch New England Graduate School. She had been managing the Center for the Arts box office at Middlebury. ✷ **Matt** and **Gretchen Gaudes Johnson** live in Manchester, where Matt is a member of the litigation department in the law firm Devine, Millimet & Branch. Gretchen teaches at the Londonderry (NH) Middle School. ✷ **Maria Kriefall** is on assignment until spring 2001 with the Peace Corps in Turkmenistan in Central Asia. Communication is not easy, but she would be happy to hear from friends at U.S. Peace Corps/Turkmenistan, P.O. Box 258, Krugozor, Central Post Office, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan. ✷ The November 27 marriage of Malia Richmond '94 and **Peter Hirschmann** took place in the bride's home state of HI. Celebrating with them were **Joel Abramson, Thomas Hung, John Heywood, Janet Phelps**, and **Justin Ayers**.

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Matt Peek is a practicing architect in Florence, Italy, at Studeo Archea and visiting critic at the Univ. of Florence. He's design director of a new cinema center for Universal/Paramount Pictures and collaborator on design for a new architecture building at the Univ. of Venice. ✷ **Josh** (contact300@hotmail.com) and Elizabeth Walter '92 **Miller** live in Bergenfield, NJ. Josh is a commercial real estate appraiser at KTR, Inc., in NYC, while Elizabeth is a programmer at Bestfoods. ✷ **Olga Jackson Koecher**, an analyst with a mergers and acquisitions firm right outside DC, was due to get her MBA in finance from the Univ. of MD in May. "I'm looking forward to some extra time in my schedule, so if anyone wants to get in touch I'm at Olga@ex-pressnet.com." ✷ **Jake Joyce**, of Harwich, MA, got his J.D. from Boston Univ. recently. ✷ **Dave Shuman** (dshuman@mindspring.com), who graduated last year from the Univ. of VA School of Law, is now an associate at Howarth & Smith in Los Angeles. ✷ **Topher Smith** is in his second and last year of business school in UC Berkeley Haas School. He'll stay in San Francisco to work with Chevron as a financial analyst starting in September. ✷ **Sarah Fryberger** has moved to Jackson Hole, WY. ✷ After completing her master's in social work this May, **Erin Hart** (eehart@ivillage.com) was moving back to Ketchum, ID, to pursue a career in social work. ✷ **Jason Cort** is now working at an Internet development company while doing the part-time MBA program at the Univ. of Chicago, where he and **Kathy Dougan Cort** are still living. ✷ **Hillary Oppmann** kicked off a "travel sabbatical" from Tucson in March with trips to Baja, CA, and then UT, where she traveled through red rock country for a week, and then moved on to Guanajuato, Mexico, for three weeks of intensive Spanish and travel. She would love to hear from old friends at hillary93@alumni.middlebury.edu. ✷ **Shawn** and **Laetitia Morbelli Henry** honeymooned in Egypt following their September 12 marriage. Laetitia is a veterinarian in Lynnfield, MA. ✷ The October 10, 1998, marriage of Mary Ruth Rzeszut and **Timothy Craig** took place in Seattle. ✷ **Laura LeClair** and husband Alan Hale welcomed son Everett Abel Hale on January 20, 1999. Laura reports: "We also moved to Spartanburg, SC. After two months of bed rest, I am enjoying my 'downtime' at home with the baby!" ✷ **Elisabeth "Lisa" Baker** and Tarim Chung (M.A. English '98) were married on June 27, 1998. Lisa is working in documentary radio and writing fiction; Tarim is teaching English at the Groton School. ✷ The September 12 marriage of **Heidi Rehm** and Stefan Wawersik took place in the woods at the home of Heidi's parents. The Mayor of Lake George officiated. Now

Boston residents, the newlyweds are both Ph.D. candidates at Harvard, Heidi in genetics and Stefan in cell and developmental biology. ✷ **Jenny Randolph** and Christopher Gasparro were married on October 17 in Orford, NH. Living in Cedar Rapids, IA, Jenny is a French teacher at Washington High School and Christopher is a Web site project manager for Inlet, Inc. ✷ **Adrienne Macki** and Andrew Effron were married recently in Lexington, MA. Adrienne is an independent human resources consultant, while Andrew is an executive recruiter at AccountPros in Boston. ✷ Cathy Withrow and **Bob Labick** were married on March 20 in VA. ✷ Having ended her sojourn in Cambridge, **Annie Harris** will continue her teaching career at a small private high school just south of San Francisco beginning in August. She looks forward to hearing from classmates at 1417 Dana Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301 (e-mail as above).

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After finishing grad school at the London School of Economics, **Tara Sweeney** (tarasweeney@netscape.net) has "reluctantly" moved back to DC. "While overseas I visited **Joanna Schemm** in Geneva and regularly saw **Rena Rodopolous** in London." ✷ During his second year at Southern New England School of Law, **Kevin Whitaker** was elected VP of the Student Bar Assoc. ✷ Specializing in fine art color photography, **Peter Taylor** exhibited in a Philadelphia arts festival last October. The owner of Maximum Exposure photography, Peter describes his expertise as being in "adventure, environmental, landscape, underwater, travel, aerial, and abstract natural imagery." ✷ **Gardner Humphreys** joined Aaron Coburn '99 for his national launch in DC as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow. Aaron is starting a Campus Compact service-learning program at Middlebury. ✷ **Kennan Radebaugh** is spending the summer leading students on backpacking/rock climbing/rafting trips throughout the West. Then she'll look for a place to settle. ✷ **Karl Pelletier** has a new e-mail address (karl@cns-nw.com) and would love to hear from everyone! Still enjoying working at Merrill Lynch, he reports that his twins (first birthday in July) really keep him and Liz busy. ✷ **Steve Pettibone** has a new e-mail address (sppettibone@erols.com). He has moved out of DC and back to NYC, where he'll attend Columbia Business School this fall. ✷ **Angie Zhong** joined Chase Securities as an associate in global banking in NYC this May. ✷ A June graduate of the MIT Sloan School, **Brian DeChristopher** joins Putnam Investments as an equity analyst this summer. ✷ **Christine Waasdorp** (christine.waasdorp@vtmednet.org), now in her fourth/final year of medical school, has decided to go into pediatrics. Checking out programs for six months all over the country, she's visiting friends as she goes. She'll be back in VT October through March. ✷ **Kim Healey** reports that **John Barrett**'s new e-mail address is srjuan@yahoo.com. ✷ **Lori Frohlich** began her new job in "business development" with the American Hospital Association in DC on May 10. While excited about living in DC, she had a little separation anxiety about leaving NYC. ✷ **Will Reid** got a promotion to his agency's director of Internet services. ✷ **Dave Sequeira** reports that Bill Berlino '95 has accepted a consultant position with McKinsey and Co. in St. Paul, MN, and **Daryl Menton** enters dental school at Tufts this fall. ✷ Brookline fourth-grade teacher **Lesley Tomion** spends a lot of time with Brad Williams '93, Jamey Brenner '93, and Pete Carpenter '93, who are all on her co-ed soccer team. She's in touch with **Betsy Godshalk Richard**, who is finishing year two of medical school in Worcester, MA (UMass). ✷ **Brendan Collins** reports that he'll be starting his surgical residency at Johns Hopkins. ✷ **Sid Williamson** graduated this spring from the Univ. of TN Medical School and headed to NYC to start his residency in emergency medicine at NYU-Bellevue. ✷ **Christina Jaeger-Tyson** is working for BBC and TLC on a huge medical series to follow up on the TLC April series called "Intimate Universe—the Human Body." She reports that **KT Briscoe** and **Alex Mackintosh Aspbury** recently visited her. KT was back in London this summer doing a few classes for her law school programme. ✷ Moving to DC this summer, **Stacey Gannon** will attend George Washington Univ. for her master's in museum studies. ✷ Julie Fietze and **Brett Leland** were married in Amherst, MA, on September 5, 1998. Julie is an application consultant at Meditech in Westford, while Brett is employed at Survey of Ophthalmology in Brookline. They live in Boston. ✷ Jill Schatz and **Michael Sayre** were married on November 21, 1998, in Tulsa, OK. Jill is an elementary teacher at Crossroads Academy; Michael is a project manager for SnoEngineering. They live in Hanover, NH. ✷ **Kate Webber** reports that **John Anderson** and Theresa Casey were married in February in Middlebury. John is the sole owner and operator of Moxie Custom Horse Logging in Ripton, VT, where the newlyweds live. ✷ The marriage of Elizabeth Rice and **Paul Casarico** took place on March 27.

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Congratulations to **Trystan Phifer O'Leary**, who was appointed editor in chief of the *Iowa Law Review*. ✷ **Charlie Wyman**, an associate in the equity research department at Credit Suisse First Boston, reports that he was promoted last July and transferred to Hong Kong. ✷ Now a consultant at Arthur Andersen, **Graham Fox** got a degree in public health from Emory Univ. last December. ✷ **Alyssa Bono** is in architecture school at the Univ. of PA. ✷ In Boulder, CO, **Katherine Welch** (welchkate@hotmail.com) is going to graduate business school part time. She writes: "Involved in a couple side-line business prospects and still finding time to ski, bike, hike, play hockey, and speedskate on the side." ✷ **Cynthia Cordner Woodard** is working for Bay Networks in northern MA. ✷ **Jon Gilbert** (gilbert@csdg.com), who has moved to Cambridge, is senior software consultant for a software development firm. During his time in Boston, he has run into **Diane Needham**, who works at Boston Properties. ✷ **Andrea Lathrop** has moved to Boston as well. ✷ Newton, MA, resident **Carolyn Archie** (carchie@bancroft.pvt.k12.ma.us) is busy teaching eighth grade English and coaching field hockey at Bancroft School in Worcester. ✷ **Eloise Prickitt** teaches sixth grade math at Cape Lighthouse Charter School in Orleans, MA, where she loves "the energy and imagination of the young minds." After four years on the Cape, she is "enjoying the mild winters and crazy summers!" ✷ **Britt Miglietta** (britt@thealliedgroup.com), who is working in marketing for a computer technology company, writes that she is "on the ice all the time, coaching and playing hockey." ✷ Finishing up his degree at NY Medical College, **Gregory Friberg** is heading home to NH this summer to begin his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. ✷ **Julia Bonde** and Oleg Cherp report the recent birth of daughter Aili Anna Cherp. She already has an email address: aili@cherp-bonde.demon.co.uk. ✷ The September 19, 1998, marriage of **Brooke McDonald** and Rick Merriam '93 is reported in the 1993 column.

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Math teacher **Katie Hubert** coached the Pingree School girls' basketball team to a record season, winning the Eastern Independent League Championships and fifth seed in the New England tournament. Three of her players were named EIL All Stars and one a New England All Star. ✷ The American Theatre Critics Assoc. gave **Dan O'Brien** the Elizabeth Osborn Award, recognizing "an emerging playwright of exceptional promise," for his play *Lamarck*, produced last fall at the Perishable Theatre in Providence, RI. Brown Univ., where Dan is doing the MFA program in creative writing, funded his research in Paris on the life and work of Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, a French botanist and biologist, one of the first to propose a theory of biological evolution. *An Irish Play*, written from Dan's experiences in Ireland on a Watson fellowship (1996), appeared on the Brown main stage in April. His newest play, *The Voyage of the Carcass*, is being produced in Providence, RI, for the Steinberg New Plays Festival. ✷ **Tonya Lynn Eza** (teza9137@ms26.hinet.net) writes: "I finished my orientation period in Chia Yi at the beginning of April and have moved up to Taipei. I will be teaching Bible studies and English at Sung Shan Lutheran Church here." ✷ **Christi Sizemore** is membership and public relations coordinator at the Georgia Council for International Visitors. She's also the secretary for an environmental group, Generation Green. She has been "re-couping from two marathons—Grandma's (June 1998 in MN) and Chicago (last October). Will do Marine Corps in '99. I have seen **Niamh O'Leary-Liu Singh** in Atlanta and **Brett Figlewski** in Nashville recently." ✷ Marine 2nd Lt. **Louis Scirri** recently reported for duty with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines Div., at Camp Lejeune, NC. ✷ Using the stage name Timothy Andres, **Timothy Pabon** appeared in the role of Lacey in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at the Arena Stage. He was also picked to understudy Brick, the main character. Tim is working toward his MFA at Catholic Univ. in DC. ✷ **Jeremy Patlen** (jpatlen@hotmail.com) left GT Interactive Software in April to do research and analysis in the strategic planning dept. of Ross Stores. ✷ **Tushna Gamadia** is pursuing graduate studies in international law at Cornell, where she bumps into **Shamoil Shipchandler** every now and then. ✷ Seth Green '97 and **Helen Motter** did some climbing last winter near Bozeman, MT, where

Helen does GIS work for Gallatin County. A resident of Rico, CO, Seth does GIS work for the Telluride Institute and peddles fleece on the side.

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After completing an MSc. at Oxford Univ., **Hassan Sachedina** (sand-rivers@twiga.com.) is coordinating the Sand Rivers Rhino Project, a rhino protection and rehabilitation programme in the Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania. In addition to rhino monitoring and anti-poaching patrol flying, he is working closely with community development initiatives. Hassan writes, "Please look me up if you're in the area." ✷ After 14 months in London getting a master's in contemporary art from Sotheby's Institute, **Muriel Altchek** (goldo_m@worldnet.fr) is "permanently installed" in Paris, where she works for Alice Alianca, a French company that produces interior design objects for the home. She stays in touch with Sarah Kramer '96 (NYC), Chelsea Thaxter '96 (NYC), **Kyle Burke** (NYC), **Katie Lewis** (San Francisco), **Amy Phillips**, and Heloise Williams '96. Amy is in London doing the same program Muriel did last year. Heloise sings with Viperhouse in Burlington and occasionally does a gig with Phish. ✷ Now a professional body builder, **Khaled Saffouri** (khaled_saffouri@yahoo.com) recently won the IBFF welter weight title for body building in Curacao. He also got together with **Lee Griffith**, who is also into body building, for a pose-down at Memorial Auditorium in Burlington, VT, where Khaled was judged to be huger than Lee. In his spare time, Khaled makes duck decoys from driftwood, which he also enters in local competitions. ✷ **Melissa Sopher** (melissa_sopher@nmh.northfeild.ma.us), a freshman physics teacher at Northfield Mount Hermon School in western MA, reports that she had a blast coaching freshman soccer last fall. In Boston she visits Erika Schubert '96.5, who is applying to law school. She also keeps in touch with **Vikram Sundar** (grad school, MIT), **Jill Wertheim** (exhibit team, Boston Museum of Science), **Scott Davis** (grad school, Univ. of VA), and **Andrew Reisner** (grad school, St. Andrew's Univ.). ✷ **Jenny Quijano** (osjennyq@roth.mscc.huji.ac.il) hopes to complete her M.A in religious studies at the Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem by "the dawn of the year 2000." "Incidentally," she reports, "I'm writing my thesis on antisemitism in millennial movements. We plan to stay a few more years in Israel before heading back to New England." ✷ Still living in England, **Elizabeth Kennedy** has been studying modern history at Oxford. She took exams in May and was doing some traveling until graduation in July. ✷ **Annalisa Parent** is doing the master's program in elementary education at Delta State Univ. She writes: "I am almost positive I saw Tetyana Bisyk '98 on the mall segment of the 'People's Court' with Ed Koch. I should steer clear of late night TV!" ✷ **Sheetal Bhansali** recently moved from Boston to San Francisco, where she's working for a management consulting firm. ✷ **Bill Noto** recently moved to San Francisco, where he's working at an eCommerce company. ✷ **Justin Racz**'s parody on Beanie Babies was due out this May, to follow his smash hit catalog *J.Crewd: A Parody*. ✷ **Jason Ennis** plays guitar with Skinny T and the Daddy Soul Doughnut, as well as Catfish Blue. Jason attended the Berklee School of Music for a year and now teaches guitar in the Williamstown area, where he has played in the Williams Jazz Ensemble. ✷ **Sarah London** is volunteering for Americorps, tutoring students in Chicago. ✷ **Anna Foster** works for an architecture firm in Jackson, WY. ✷ **Josh Malin** is in law school at the Univ. of MI. ✷ **Kate Emelianova** and Liza Ward '98 work together at J-Crew. ✷ **Caleb McClennen** came into NYC for a few days at Christmas before heading back out to sea, where he's working for Sail Carribean. ✷ **Brian Burke**, who works in advertising in NYC, celebrated his birthday in March. ✷ **Dan Drake** (drakescakes@hotmail.com) has moved to Chicago and found a job in computers. ✷ While living in Venice, CA, **Akiko Gooden** is pursuing her master's in education at Pepperdine. ✷ **Jackie Pelton** enters Boston Univ. this fall in the graduate program in education. ✷ **Rob Birdsong** is working for Andersen Consulting in Boston. ✷ Living in Brighton, **Kris Eriksen** (eriksen@head-cfa.harvard.edu) is working at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge on NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, a Hubble-class space telescope due to be launched on the space shuttle this summer. "Cross your fingers for me! I often see Andrea Lathrop '95, Stu Santee '96, Maggie Zraly '94, and Geoff Gillard '95, and recently saw Denise Kmetzo '95, Matt Gendron '95, and Chris Carter '94, when Christina Oshier '95 was out from L.A. to visit. So, as you can see, we're keeping the Mill alive here in Boston." ✷ **Karen Lewis** is working for CRM Military Health Services in Baltimore. ✷ **Linnea McArt** is working for Goldman Sachs in NYC. She recently returned from a trip to Europe. ✷ In DC, **Matthew Hughey** has been promoted from staff assistant to legislative assistant in the office of Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ). ✷ Leaving San Francisco this spring, **Lilia Gerberg** started Peace Corps orientation in DC. On May 31, she was heading out to do water sanitation health education in Zambia in central south Africa. "I know that this will be a challenging experience, difficult and frustrating at times. I'll be living in a situation quite different from the sushi-eating, Marin Headlands-hiking, concert-going, Golden Gate Park-jogging existence I've had for the past couple of years. And I am so excited to go. It will probably be one of the toughest and one of the most rewarding things I'll do."

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Sumita Pahwa (sumita@iyfnet.org) writes: "I'm working at the International Youth Foundation in Baltimore, living in DC, and am surprised not to have met any Midd folks in the nonprofit world. Would love to hear from Midd alums in the area." ✷ Now a student in the Univ. of MA-Amherst Graduate School, **Becca Perron** (rperron@schoolph.umass.edu) is working toward her master's in public health in policy and management in spring 2000. ✷ **Robin Hulbert** is working toward a Ph.D. in molecular genetics at Dartmouth. ✷ **Karen Schaper** is teaching chemistry and coaching girls' soccer at Allendale Columbia School. ✷ A spring message from **Katie Whittlesey** informs us that she was "traveling around Spain and Portugal for the month of March, then working at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum in Venice in April, May, and June. Stayed with **Kip Digges** in Madrid, where he is very popular with the Spanish ladies on the dance floor. Kip, **Jill Patey**, and **Tim Weld** will be passing through Venice to visit while I am there." ✷ **Tim Bartlett** has been living in London, "interviewing bell ringers, researching bell ringing (which involves ale), planning more video shoots in the spring, and returning to America in August. That's when my Watson year (and money) run out. I see Middlebury juniors frequently and hope to see fellow classmates in the coming months—**Becky Walldroff, Carol McMurrich, Greg Reynolds, Dave Thomas, Davis Hodge**, Geoff Pippenger '97, **Matt Allen**, etc. Much post-grad European travel going on." ✷ After a great six months in London, **Emily Bracken** (emily.bracken@wennermedia.com) is back in NYC, working in publicity for Wenner Media, who do *Rolling Stone, US*, and *Men's Journal*. ✷ **Monninger** spent the winter hanging out with "yeah-dudes" as a lift rat in Park City, UT. ✷ Some things never change. **Rusty Dolleman, Nate Johnson**, and **Chris Vaughan** joined forces as Dorm Damage held a Reunion Concert in Ross Lounge in mid-April. Seen in the audience wearing (or not wearing) official T-shirts were **Steve Monninger, Jim McDermott, James Hetfield, Paige Budelsky, Pooky Rubel**, and countless other celebrities and local heroes. ✷ **Mohammed Zakir** (mxz@crai.com) reports that he's "working at Charles River Associates, an economic and business consulting firm in Boston, where **Rubiana Chamarbagwala** also works. **Raju Sitaula** and **Michael Lauze** work at Charles River Associates' branch in DC." Mohammed is also in touch with **Vladimir Gueorguiev, Petya Dimitrova, Emil Jattne**, and Vikas Jhunjhunwala '96, who also live in Boston. ✷ **David Shea** and **Fredrik Johansson** live in Cambridge. ✷ In NYC, **Arjun Dhawan** and **Jason Cawley** are colleagues at Donaldson, Lufkin, and Jenrette; **Pratima Sipahimalani** works at advertising agency Young & Rubicam; and **Susan Quintin** is a junior associate in the health and medical group at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide. ✷ Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I write about the loss of **Carri Smith**, my co-secretary and good friend. Carri's tragic death in a car accident on April 11 has left many of us in shock and disbelief. Carri touched all reaches of campus—faculty, staff, and students alike. Whether through her extensive involvement in Wonnacott and Ross Commons or her pure love for the disciplines of history and religion, she had an indescribable aura about her. We remember her for her wonderful smile and infectious laugh. We cherish the endless energy she shared with all of us. We keep her and her family in our hearts. Please take care of yourselves and be safe. Nate.

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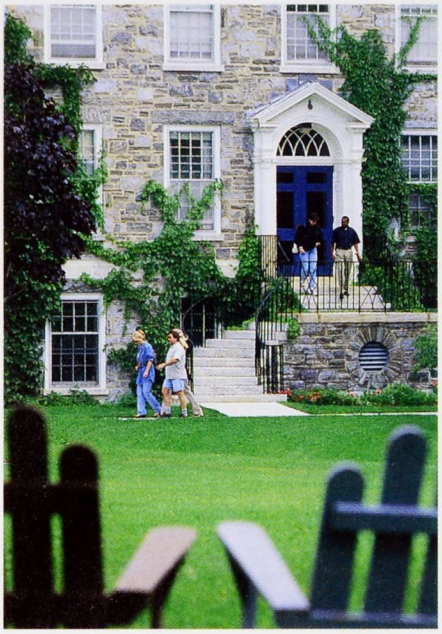
Congratulations to five classmates who have received Fulbright grants to do research projects in several countries: **Julie Crosby** in Ghana, **David Grass** in Chile, **Ashley Palmer** in Japan, **Erich Osterberg** in New Zealand, and **Kate Stone** in Japan. ✷ Now that we are all headed out to new places, be sure to keep in touch so that we can print your news in this column!

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS



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ENGLISH

River Effect, a book of poems by **Linda Allardt** (M.A. '55), was published by State Street Press, Brockport, NY, in 1998. ✷ Assoc. prof. of English **Linda Reid Bowers** (M.A. '68) was voted Mortar Board Professor of the Year by the Senior Honor Society of Willamette Univ. in Salem, OR. ✷ **Wesley McNair** (M.A. '68, M.Litt. '75) has published a new volume of poetry, *Talking in the Dark*. ✷ Last January, **Larry Bussey** ('69) retired from Tift County (GA) High School, where he had taught since 1981, the same year he was named Teacher of the Year for Tift County and the State of GA. ✷ **Paul Campbell** III (M.A. '72) recently joined the Chattanooga law firm of Witt, Gaither and Whitaker. He serves as the judge on the TN Court of the Judiciary. ✷ **Sue Ellen Thompson** (M.A. '74) is an assistant prof. of English at Central CT State Univ. ✷ **Charles Butterfield** (M.A. '75) is collaborating on a book with photographer Larry Richardson. Charles writes poems in response to the photographs. An exhibition of their works appeared in Brattleboro last January. ✷ **Ed Paige** ('76) is managing editor at *Westport* magazine. Ed and wife Jacque live in Fairfield, CT, with preschoolers Nolan and Sayer. He is the former managing editor at *World Tennis* magazine, the *Cable Guide*, and Paragon House Publishers. ✷ **Kathy Dempsey Zimmerman** (M.A. '80) was recently chosen one of six finalists for the New England Assoc. of Teachers of English Poet-of-the-Year competition. Kathy lives in Littleton, MA, with husband Bob, daughter Emily (12), and twins Peter and Willy (9). ✷ **Monica McGoldrick** (M.A. '81) has been appointed director of development for Hospice Savannah (GA). ✷ Poet **Cynthia Huntington** (M.A. '83) has received the Jane Kenyon Award for Outstanding Book of Poetry from the NH Writers' Project. She is a prof. of English at Dartmouth College. ✷ **Ken Reed** (M.A. '88) is the Citrus County (FL) School District program specialist for testing. Wife Jean is the district coordinator of exceptional student education. ✷ Navy Lt. **Stephenie Ruenzel** (M.A. '94) recently reported for duty with Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit Two, Barbers Point, HI. ✷ Bristol, ME, resident **Jane Gamage** (M.A. '95) taught English at the New Lincoln Academy during the past academic year. ✷ **Shawna Boll** (M.A. '96) and Tom Mitzel were married on January 2 in Willmar, MN. They live in St. Paul. ✷ **Charles Soriano** (M.A. '96) chair of the Bernards High School English dept., received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Japan for three weeks last fall. In his former position in the Somerset Hills school district, Charles was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 1997. ✷ Mountainair, NM, English teacher **Michelle Wyman-Warren** ('96-'98) links up her students with many others via the Bread Loaf World Teachers Network.

FRENCH

Father **Raymond R. Lagace**, OFM, (M.A. '63) was recently appointed Catholic chaplain by the VA Medical and Regional Office Center in Maine. ✷ Father **Ivan J. Csete** is the new administrator of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Forestburgh, NY. He was a Navy chaplain from 1993 to 1997 and was parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory parish in Manhattan last year. ✷ In January, **Kathleen Kehoe-Kent** (M.A. '68) presented her paper, *Origines*, at a conference in Paris marking the 50th anniversary of the publication of *The Second Sex*, by Simone de Beauvoir. She teaches French at Cedar Crest Academy in Clarkston, MI. ✷ **Harriet Higgins** (M.A. '73) is now the managing director of Auda Advisor Associates, a privately held specialty investment firm in NYC. ✷ **Louis Giancola** (M.A. '75) is teaching English as a second language for VT Adult Learning at St. Michael's College. He has appeared in two of nephew David's feature films, *Pressure Point* and *Moving Targets*. ✷ **Arthur D. Brady** (DML '76) has been appointed to the position of director of the foreign language program at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY, with the rank of associate prof. ✷ **Christopher Callahan** (M.A. '76) has been promoted from assistant prof. to associate prof. at IL Wesleyan Univ., where he teaches modern and classical languages and literatures. ✷ **Sarah House Denby** (M.A. '78) moved from WI to RI in June '97. "I do a lot of volunteer work, play a little tennis, and am active in Providence's Alliance Française. I've started a French book group which has grown from two to five people. I go to France every two or three years. Daughter Lisa, a junior at St. Paul's School, is considering Middlebury; son Ted is a sophomore at Middlesex." ✷ **Kerry Zeida** (M.A. '86) is now VP of marketing at the *Industry Standard*, a weekly newsmagazine and Web site about the Internet economy (www.thestandard.com). ✷ **Lee Daniels** (M.A. '88) writes and edits equity research reports and articles for Salomon Smith Barney in NYC. He has also been writing a travel article for a local paper on France, where he traveled last summer and this summer. He recently got back in touch with **Rich Lyne** '85 after 14 years. Rich and Lee both attended the French School, served as Peace Corps volunteers in Africa, and pursued careers in journalism. Rich now teaches high school French and history in northern CA. ✷ The February 14 marriage of **Nicole Lepoutre** (M.A. '89; M.A. Spanish '88) and Mark Sherf took place in Marblehead, MA. Nicole is a teacher in the Manchester-by-the-Sea schools. ✷ **Robin McArthur** (M.A. '93) begins a new job this fall as assistant prof. at the College of Charleston in SC. She would love to hear from former classmates at rgmcarthur@mindspring.com. ✷ French teacher **James Callanan** (M.A. '94) is now head of the language dept. at St. Johnsbury (VT) Academy. ✷ The marriage of **Virginia Baskett** (M.A. '95) and Lloyd Glenn took place on February 14 in Norfolk, VA. Virginia teaches French at Oakton High School in Fairfax County.

GERMAN

Kathryn Cowin Decker ('69) (mandlow@aol.com) has remarried and moved from WA to the San Francisco Bay area, where she is a bilingual school psychologist for the Hayward Unified School District, grades K-6, doing psychoeducational assessments in English, Spanish, and German. Hayward has been rated one of the 10 most ethnically/culturally diverse communities in the U.S., with students speaking more than 60 different languages. ✷ Bridgewater (VA) College prof. **Susan L. Piepke** (DML '86) has published a book, *Women and Their Vocation: A Nineteenth-Century View by Luise Büchner* (Peter Lang Publishing).

ITALIAN

Karen Abbondanza de la Motte (M.A. '80) teaches religion and Latin to seventh and eighth graders at St. Thomas More School in Chapel Hill, NC.

ANSWERS TO AKA QUIZ

1. Louis Armstrong, *Satchmo*
2. Chester A. Arthur, *The Gentleman Boss*
3. Thomas H. Benton, *Old Bullion*
4. William C. Bryant, *Father of American Poets*
5. John Chapman, *Johnney Appleseed*
6. Henry Clay, *Great Pacificator*
7. Samuel Clemens, *Mark Twain*
8. William Cody, *Buffalo Bill*
9. Jimmy Durante, *Schnozzola*
10. Thomas Edison, *Wizard of Menlo Park*
11. Ben Franklin, *Poor Richard*
12. Theodore Geisel, *Dr. Seuss*
13. Andrew Jackson, *Old Hickory*
14. Thomas Jackson, *Stonewall Jackson*
15. Henry Lee, *Light-horse Harry*
16. Charles Lindbergh, *The Lone Eagle*
17. Vachel Lindsay, *The Vagabond Poet*
18. Joe Louis, *The Brown Bomber*
19. Francis Marion, *The Swamp Fox*
20. John Moseby, *The Grey Ghost*
21. George Patton jr., *Old Blood and Guts*
22. William Porter, *O Henry*
23. Frank Sinatra, *Old Blue Eyes*
24. John P. Sousa, *The March King*
25. Charles Stratton, *General Tom Thumb*
26. Sylvanus Thayer, *Father of West Point*
27. John G. Whittier, *The Quaker Poet*
28. Thomas Williams, *Tennessee Williams*

PROFILE

PAINTER ENRICHES SPANISH SCHOOL

LUCKY FOR US, Alfredo Ramon had no ear for music. Singing heartily away in elementary school, Alfredo Ramon's choir teacher advised him to "try doing something else" during practice. With characteristic congeniality, Alfredo obeyed his teacher and started drawing.

Lucky for Madrid, and even luckier for Middlebury College, Ramon continued drawing. He studied at the School of Fine Arts in Madrid under such great Spanish artists as Diaz, Valverde, Ferrari, and Chicharro, and went on to make his mark as a "street painter," who captured for posterity the simple beauty of Old Madrid in a collection of impressive sketches, paintings, and posters. But Madrid has not been his only home. Ramon has always loved to travel; he even credits his success in the art world to his ability to go anywhere at a moment's notice—a privilege he did not know as a youth in Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

Thankfully, for the past 26 years, Ramon has decided to travel to Middlebury in the summer, coming to the Spanish School to teach art and history of art courses. Ramon has been employed by the College year-round, teaching at both the Spanish School abroad in Madrid, as well as at the summer program in Middlebury. In addition, he has created dazzling theatrical sets and rich, vibrant posters for the theatrical productions that the Spanish School puts on.

"He has been indispensable for the productions," Spanish professor Roberto Veguez notes, "and a highlight of the Spanish School in general. People gather around to hear him tell stories—he is a wonderful conversationalist. The language he uses—the turns of phrase—are so old that they are difficult to translate, if not impossible. He is a veritable repository of turn-of-the-century Spanish." Once upon a time Ramon himself was an eager student, absorbing the knowledge that his professors at the School of Fine Arts imparted.

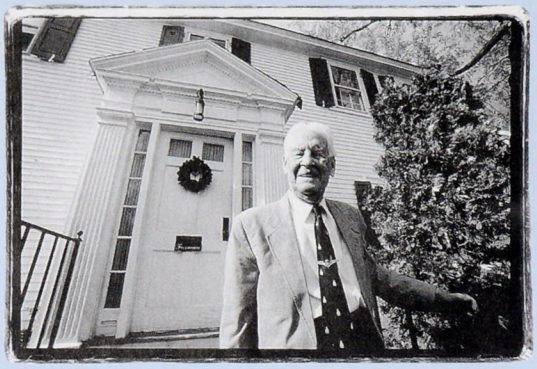
"It's difficult for a young person today—a person who has been able to go abroad from the time he was a child, who has had movies, magazines, exhibits—to be able to understand what those postwar times were like . . . at a time when the borders were closed because of the war, and there was no money or any kind of means. My professors represented experience, travel, memories, and they opened for us the doors of a world which was forbidden to us. We had wonderful get-togethers, talking, and we didn't just listen to their words, we drank them in."

Ramon's works are displayed in the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Municipal Museum of Madrid, as well as in private collections (the collections of Charlton Heston and Ted Kennedy, to name a few). Though Ramon won't be in Middlebury at the Language Schools this summer to share his art or his stories, we can be content to look at the collection of theatre posters and be glad that once upon a time his choir teacher wouldn't let him sing. *CP*

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHEN ALBERT FREEMAN

MAY 9, 1898 - JULY 10, 1999



Stephen Albert Freeman, age 101, died on July 10, 1999, at Shard Villa in Salisbury, Vt. A teacher and administrator at the College for 45 years, Freeman occupied more academic and administrative appointments than any other individual in the history of the College, including 24 years as director of the Language Schools, 38 years as professor of French, 20 years as vice president of the College, and several stints as acting president.

"Steve Freeman has done more than any other single individual to make the name of Middlebury synonymous with excellence in language study," said President John M. McCardell. Up until the end of his life, Freeman remained vitally interested in the state of language pedagogy and was a pioneer in linking technology with language learning. In 1966 the College's Sunderland language lanboratory, a premier language teaching facility, was named for him.

Freeman was instrumental in the founding of the Italian, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese Schools, the reestablishment of the German School, and the creation of graduate schools in French, Spanish, German, and Italian. He also established Middlebury's first graduate schools abroad in Paris, Madrid, Mainz, and Florence. After his retirement in 1973, he wrote *The Middlebury College Foreign Lanugage Schools, The Story of a Unique Idea*. Freeman was president of several national organizations, received numerous honorary degrees, and was decorated twice by the French government with the title of Chevalier in the Legion of Honor and Commander of L'Ordre Des Palmes Academique.

Though he had hoped to live to see the year 2000, Freeman's long life was filled with not only exceptional professional achievement, but he had legions of devoted friends, former students, and, of course, family. His wife of 60 years, Ruth Hayden Freeman, died in 1983.

25 **Esther Sargent Urquhart**, 95, of West Newbury, VT, on March 3, 1999. She taught at Pleasant Hill Academy in TN and Newbury High School until her marriage to Robert Urquhart in 1932. She sang soprano in the West Newbury Congregational Church choir. She was predeceased by her husband in 1983 and a sister, Aroline H. Sargent '22, in 1990. Survivors include sons Alexander and Edward; daughters Aroline Putnam, Margaret Hutchins, and Elaine Van DeCarr; 20 grandchildren (including Lindsay Putnam '80), and 29 great-grandchildren.

27 **Ames T. Minor**, 92, of Bethlehem, CT, on January 24, 1999. A 1929 graduate of the Marshall Missouri Flying School, he owned and operated a general contracting business. During World War II, he served as an Army captain in Europe, receiving the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry in action. In Bethlehem, he was first selectman for 18 years. Besides his wife, Michelle (Copolata), he is survived by daughters Danielle Thalheimer, Monique George, and Jacqueline Minor; a brother, and a granddaughter.

28 **Gordon E. Wiley**, 92, of Warsaw, NY, on March 30, 1999. He completed his four-year course in three years, while also taking a leadership role in student affairs and being captain of the football team. From 1928 to 1962, he was a general personnel supervisor for Upstate NY Telephone Co. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise (Washburn), in 1988, and by daughter Jean Anne Shazer in 1998. Surviving are sons Robert J. Wiley '55 and James G. Wiley '64, daughters Mary-Lou Wiley Bond '51 and Jane MacCarthy, a sister, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Other Middlebury relatives include his uncle, the late Edgar J. Wiley '13; and cousins Elizabeth Hack Simons '27, Margaret Wiley Thomson '41, and David P. Thomson III '68.

29 **Sigrid Manty Doubleday**, 92, of New Salem, MA, on February 28, 1999. She taught physical education in Norwich, CT, until her marriage in 1934 to Warren N. Doubleday. They moved to New Salem after his retirement in 1972; he died in 1982. An active member of Central Congregational Church and Swift River Valley Historical Society, Mrs. Doubleday also painted in oil and participated in art shows in the area. She leaves daughters Lois Howe, Barbara M. Doubleday '60, and Sandra DeCosta; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia Marshall Dugan, 92, of Manchester, VT, on March 22, 1999. A graduate of Parson's School of Design in NYC, Mrs. Dugan was the widow of William E. Dugan. She is survived by daughters Isabell LaCrosse, Ellen Daut, and Martha Erskine, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sister, Isabell Marshall Howard '25.

Morris T. Johnson, 93, of Batavia, NY, on February 15, 1999. A lifelong farmer, Mr. Johnson served on the board of directors for Agway, P&C Food Markets, the NY State School for the Blind, and Genesee Memorial Hospital. He was predeceased by a sister, Margery Johnson Lewis '24. He is survived by sons James and Thomas, daughters Jean Weaver and Elizabeth Conway, a brother, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, as well as a Middlebury cousin, Joan Emerson Sleinkofer '54.

Dorothy Dietz Lobban, 90, of Haverford, PA, and Bridgewater, NH, on April 5, 1999. She served chapters of the League of Women Voters and PTAs in Baltimore, Summit, and Greenwich, CT, and was an active member of the Unitarian/Universalist Church. Other interests included the NAACP, the Center for International Visitors, and the Meals on Wheels program. She was predeceased by husband Richard A. Lobban '29 in 1991. Survivors include son Richard Jr., daughters Jean Lobban Thompson '57 and Sarah Lobban Decker '61, seven granddaughters (including Betsy Thompson Serlemitsos '86), seven great-grandchildren, and a brother.

30 **Howard B. Huntress**, 89, of Chapel Hill, NC, on January 4, 1999. After two years at Middlebury, he earned a B.S. degree in civil engineering at MIT in 1931. He was employed at the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. in Palmer, MA, and American Brake Shoe Co. in Mahway, NJ, until his retirement in 1974. His wife, Eleanor (Murray), preceded him in death in 1997. Survivors include a brother; sons Alan '57, Paul, and Gordon; daughter Judith Hallman; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

31 **Frances Everett Hanchett**, 89, of Fairbanks, AK, on September 26, 1998, from Alzheimer's disease and pneumonia. She was a high school math teacher in VT and MA; she also taught cartography and trigonometry to World War II pilots. She had lived in the Fairbanks area since 1960, when her husband, John L. Hanchett, was transferred by the Civil Service to Eielson Air Force Base. Her husband survived her until December 17, 1998. She leaves son John E. Hanchett, daughter Jane E. Hanchett, seven grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

33 **Rollin E. Pratt**, 87, of Winston-Salem, NC, on January 4, 1999. His 65-year career as an insurance adjuster was interrupted by two years of service in the Signal Corps during World War II. In 1957 he established his own firm, R.E. Pratt and Co., with offices in NC and VA, from which he retired in 1992. An active member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, he was also a founding member of Pine Brook Country Club. Survivors include wife Susan (Poston), daughters Penelope Oland and Deborah Tacon, sons Judson and Perry; nine grandchildren, two step-grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

34 **Marion Day Ellison**, 86, of Canton, CT, on March 28, 1999. She was a teacher in the Farmington School System for many years. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Canton Center. Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Ellison, daughter Marilyn Larose, two sisters, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Douglas L. Jocelyn, 86, of Honolulu, HI, on February 5, 1999. With a master's in education (Univ. of Chicago, 1936), he taught high school and coached football at the Montgomery, NY, high school, becoming principal at age 26. After Pearl Harbor, he joined the Navy and served aboard destroyers in the South Pacific, attaining the rank of lieut. commander. Graduating from the Detroit College of Law, he practiced patent law with E.J. Gray of Detroit. In 1949, he founded Plastray Corp., one of the first consumer goods plastic manufacturing companies. Selling the company in 1961, he moved to HI, where he was VP of Gaspro, Inc.. He was predeceased by wives Dorothy Gray Jocelyn '35 and Mary Jane Malin Jocelyn. Survivors include son Douglas L. Jocelyn, Jr., '61; daughter Mary Jocelyn Stock '64; son Robert A. Jocelyn '70; and seven grandchildren, including Nicholas A. Jocelyn '02.

Evald B. Olson, 88, of Greenwich, CT, on February 5, 1999. During World War II, he was a lieutenant, senior grade, in the Naval Air Corps and the O.S.S. For 40 years he taught math and science, as well as coaching football, baseball, and basketball, at King School of Stamford. He retired as chair of the math dept. and head of the upper school in 1979. Predeceased by wife Emma Louise (Anderson), he is survived by son Edward B. Olson and two grandsons.

35 **Marjorie McCann Hayne**, 84, of Chelmsford, MA, on February 15, 1999. She worked at the Harvard Business School, a medical clinic at Harvard, at Radcliffe, and then for 23 years for the Mitre Corp., retiring in 1982. She and her late husband, Clyde Hayne, ran their own construction company in Lexington for a time. She was a member of Arlington Friends of the Drama for many years. She is survived by a brother.

36 **Everett F. Ellis**, 84, of St. Petersburg, FL, on January 20, 1999. He was employed in the field of stocks and bonds, merchandising, and insurance until Pearl Harbor brought a commission as Ensign in the Navy. In 1941, he married Margaret Opdyke and they had two children, daughter Susan and son James. Entering the Episcopal Theological School in 1948, he was ordained in 1951 and ministered to churches in ID, MI, and DE, retiring from full-time work in 1979, and retiring to FL in 1983. Survivors include daughter Susan McMacklin, two brothers, two sisters, and four grandchildren.

38 **Arthur L. Barney**, 80, of Wilmington, DE, on January 14, 1999. With a doctorate in organic chemistry from Purdue Univ., Mr. Barney was a chemist at the E.I. DuPont de Nemours Experimental Station in Wilmington, retiring in 1981 after 39 years. His work as a research manager was in polymer chemistry. He is survived by wife Jessalyn (Gordy); sons Raymond, David, and Rodney; daughter Anne Barney Van Order '79; a brother, and four grandchildren.

41 **Norman B. Boothby**, 79, of New Orleans, LA, on February 16, 1999. An art teacher at Newcomb College, Tulane, Univ., from 1967 to 1990, he also taught at Wesleyan Univ., the Hartford Art School, the Putney School, and Bard College. He served as dean at the Parsons School of Design, the Schools of Fine Arts and Industrial Arts at the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Dayton Art Institute. Survivors include wife Patricia (David) and daughters Deborah Boothby and Rebecca Boothby.

John D. Connor, 79, of Shelburne, VT, on February 24, 1999, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. A first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps during World War II, he became the co-owner of M. Schwartz & Co. menswear store in Poughkeepsie before retiring to Sun City Center, FL (1980), to Keene, NH (1990), and to Shelburne (1993). Active in his church and community services, he was also an avid sailor. Survivors include wife Ruth (Bower), sons David and Robert, daughter Diane Beaman, three grandsons, and a twin sister, Jean L. Connor '41.

A. William Sweet, 79, of Chenango Forks, NY, on November 5, 1998. He was a professional engineer for General Electric in Burlington (VT), Schenectady, and Binghamton, NY. An Army veteran of World War II, he attained the rank of Lt. Colonel and was awarded the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart. He is survived by son Mark Sweet and brother Norman Sweet '46. A nephew, Stephen Sweet, graduated from Middlebury in 1973.

42 **Lucille Plasman Grosse**, 78, of Acton, MA, on February 1, 1999. As a WAVE lieutenant during World War II, she served as a communications officer at South Weymouth and Newport, where she met Paul Grosse, whom she married in 1949. After his death in 1966, she became a customer service representative at Union National Bank in Acton, retiring in 1985. She was active in many community organizations and was a 10-year volunteer at Emerson Hospital in Concord. Survivors include daughters Paula Dillinger, Christine Grosse, and Heidi Grosse; a brother, and four grandchildren.

43 **Roderick J. Hemphill**, 77, of Westerly, RI, on February 15, 1999. During World War II, he served with the Counterintelligence Corps and was a member of the occupation forces in Japan from 1945 to 1946. With a master's in linguistics from Yale Univ. (1950), Mr. Hemphill was an interpreter for the Thai Silk Co. in Bangkok, Thailand, where he met and married Anong Sibanyen in 1951. Fluent in many languages, he headed the South Asian language div. of the Army Language School in Monterey, CA, and held prestigious teaching posts in Manila, Kenya, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Israel, and New York City. He later taught English as a second language and lectured in astronomy at the Mystic Seaport Museum. Preceded in death by daughter Erika in 1984, he is survived by wife Anong; daughters Malee Greenlee, Sita Dillon, and Nancy Alfiero; brothers Dixon F. Hemphill '49 and David L. Hemphill '52; and seven grandchildren. A nephew, Caleb P. Hemphill, graduated from Middlebury in 1982. Mr. Hemphill's late father, Russell E. Hemphill, was a member of the Class of 1916.

46 **Nancy Depuy Kramer**, 77, of Dansville, NY, on January 30, 1999. A freelance writer and an amateur artist, Mrs. Kramer was recognized locally as a wild plant expert. She was involved with the Girl Scouts and volunteered at Noyes Memorial Hospital. Her husband, James H. Kramer, died in 1989. She leaves daughters Elizabeth Robson and Caroline Kramer, two grandsons, two brothers, and a sister.

48 **Merritt "Barney" Neil**, 75, of St. Clairsville, OH, on March 20. 1999. A retired administrator at the Bellaire Clinic, Mr. Neil served as the director of the health program for low income families. With a master's from the Univ. of MI School of Public Health, he worked with the VT Social Welfare Department and was the director of a nonprofit health program in eastern OH. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps and held the distinguished flying cross and the air medal with four oak leaf clusters. Surviving are wife Ruth (Long); sons Bill, Charles, Mark, and John; a brother; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

50 **John R. Lane**, 71, of Waterbury, CT, on March 9, 1999. An Army veteran, Mr. Lane was an agricultural chemist at Uniroyal for 33 years. He was a member of the CT Genealogical Society and the Watertown Garden Club. Predeceased by wife Maryrose (Clarkin), he leaves sons John F. and William P. Lane, daughters Mary Layton and Susan Rollinson, brother Thomas W. Lane '51, and five grandchildren. Other Middlebury survivors include niece Mary E. Lane '82 and cousins Martin Tierney '36 and Raymond Tierney '44.

54 **Timothy C. Mason**, of Omaha, NE, on February 11, 1999, of cancer. A retired Navy Commander, he was affiliated with the Nebraska Attraction Assoc., worked for Washington Inventory Services, and owned and operated a large marina and boat charter service on the Missouri River. He is survived by wife Luella, five children, and nine grandchildren.

73 **Jamien Morehouse**, 48, of Rockport, ME, on May 3, 1999, of cancer. She taught in Poland and on the island of North Haven, ME. She served as director of the Children's Resource Center in Portland, ME, and the Maine Teacher's Center in Rockport. A strong environmental advocate, she worked for the Environmental Education Dept. of the Office of Energy Resources in Augusta and wrote a curriculum for the Maine Audubon Society. A gifted writer and Cordon Bleu chef, she created custom flags and banners through her company, Liberty Banners, and created the Flea Circus Hat Co. In 1998 she helped organize the Mad Hatter's Extravaganza to benefit an organization aiding battered women. Also in 1998, she and

IN MEMORIAM

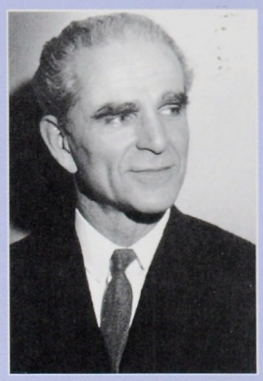
Peter Coney

Peter Coney of Tucson, AZ, died on February 20, 1999, from complications caused by cancer. With a doctorate in geology, he taught in the geology/geography department at Middlebury from 1964 to 1975, when he resigned as a full professor. He served as department chair from 1969 until 1975. Professor Coney and Professor Brewster Baldwin developed the philosophy of teaching by which the department built its national reputation. The Coney Field Camp Scholarship was established upon his leaving Middlebury; upon the death of Mr. Baldwin, it was renamed the Baldwin-Coney Scholarship.

Friedrich Wilhelm Wentzlaff-Eggebert

(Honorary Doctor of Laws, Language Schools, 1961) of Mainz, Federal Republic of Germany, died on April 12, 1999. He was instrumental in helping the Middlebury German School establish an affiliation with Johannes Gutenberg University in 1959. Middlebury benefited immeasurably from his involvement as a general "bridge builder" between the two institutions. Appointed a visiting professor for Middlebury, he directed the German Institute in Mainz, returned to Middlebury as a visiting professor in 1961, and continued for many years as an invaluable liaison and adviser.

Erie T. Volkert



Erie T. Volkert, 86, of Middlebury, VT, died on March 7, 1999. Professor Emeritus of Drama at Middlebury, he served on the faculty from 1941 until 1976, moving through the academic ranks to full professor. He was first and foremost a teacher of the theatre. On the main campus he was director of Wright Theatre. For 20 summers he also directed plays and taught theatre courses at the Bread Loaf School of English, where he enjoyed the friendship of Robert Frost. Prof. Volkert cast, directed, and acted in two of Frost's short plays (*The Masque of Reason* and *The Masque of Mercy*) which had not previously been produced. Among his many activities in the town of Middlebury, he actively supported the community theatre, often directing or acting in productions. At his retirement in 1976, his colleagues paid tribute to his "sense of the professional's commitment to his craft" and to "his unflagging dedication." His career stands as a monument to a continuing tradition of teaching excellence and distinction in the dramatic arts at the College. He leaves Mary, his wife of 59 years; sons Lawrence and Randall, daughters Jennifer and Lisa, a sister, and five grandchildren.

two of her sons won a trip to Altoona, PA, for designing a four-leaf clover-style pretzel. She belonged to the First Universalist Unitarian Church in Rockland and volunteered for many organizations, including Cash for Clothes, Outward Bound, and the Island Institute. In 1986, she began inviting friends all over the world to share a cup of tea on the first day of spring. "By drinking tea together," she wrote, "I believe we may, indeed, solve some of the greatest problems in the world." Predeceased by her sister, Marcy Morehouse, she is survived by husband Philip Conkling, sons Tim, Sam, Micah, and Jamie Conkling; parents Dick '43 and Lee Van Leuven Morehouse '45, and brother Bruce Morehouse '81. She is remembered in a remarkable Web site where friends, family, and strangers have shared thoughts about her life: www.jamien.com.

77 **John R. Turney**, 43, of Winnetka, IL, on January 11, 1999. With an MBA from the Kellogg Business School of Northwestern Univ., he bought and sold commercial real estate with Reefe Funds in Chicago. He taught sailing at the Chautauqua Boys and Girls Club and enjoyed golf, racquet sports, and history. Surviving are his wife, Mimi; sons John Benjamin and Ned; and sisters Debbie Diegel, Barbara Turney Heussler '83, and Jacquelyn Turney-Beecher '85.

98 **Carri A. Smith**, 23, of Mooresville, NC, on April 11, 1999, as the result of an automobile accident. She was studying American history at the Univ. of NC at the time of her death. Last fall she worked on VT Gov. Howard Dean's reelection staff. A joint history and religion major at Middlebury, she was awarded departmental honors as well as the Marci J. Stewart Memorial Award from the history department at commencement in May 1998. As a student she served as co-chair of both Wonnacott and Ross Commons and won the award as outstanding commons leader in 1997. She was a resident assistant, a junior counselor, a member of the student steering committee for the commons, and humanities representative to the student government association. She leaves her parents, Walter and Donna Smith.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

48 **Ruth E. Ellison**, M.A. French, 89, of Brookfield, VT, on March 12, 1999. A high school French teacher, she was nominated as an Outstanding Secondary Educator in America in 1973.

49 **Millicent Bolling Smith**, M.A. English, 77, of Washington, DC, on December 25, 1998. She retired in 1987 from Jonathan Law High School, where she was head of the English dept. and served as principal.

51 **Malcolm "Mac" Keddy**, M.A. English, of Walpole, NH, on February 24, 1999. He taught English for 32 years at Keene State College, where he chaired the English dept. for 14 years before retiring in 1981.

56 **Lenore M. Berslin**, M.A. Spanish, 95, of Waukesha, WI, on January 2, 1999. After teaching college French for four decades (retiring in 1971), she spent another 23 years as a volunteer, teaching English as a second language at Waukesha County Technical College from 1974 to 1997.

61 **Leonard A. DeSimone**, M.A. English, 63, of Haverhill, MA, on March 26, 1999. Mr. DeSimone was a mentor for the New England Young Writers' Conference at Bread Loaf. He taught English at North Andover High from 1972 to 1995.

63 **Charles E. Pearce**, M.A. Spanish, 76, of Kansas City, MO, on February 10, 1999. He was a high school teacher for 35 years, retiring in 1979.

70 **Rene Torres-Delgado**, M.A. Spanish, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on December 27, 1998. He taught at the Univ. of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras.

73 **Elizabeth Warren Wells**, French, 79, of Baltimore, MD, on March 2, 1999. She was the first woman undergraduate to be accepted into the day program at the Johns Hopkins Univ. in 1963. A playwright, three of her works were selected for performance by the Baltimore Playwrights' Festival.

92 **Juliane Kate Schlesinger-Morando**, M.A. Spanish, 32, of Santa Barbara, CA, on February 18, 1999. She was a teacher at Crane School in Montecito, CA.

Smug About Social Change

I don't understand why Middlebury would be proud of a professor who makes his name zonking Rigoberta Menchú. Political correctness makes me squeamish, but somehow it's worse to be smug and destructive about social change. Does your writer (the editor of the magazine) have any interest in challenging Professor Stoll regarding absurd statements such as "multiculturalism" taken too far can turn into "political correctness"? Did the editor/writer think to ask "how" or "why" or "can you give us some examples"?

I am sure I have read less and know less about central America's history than Professor Stoll, but his bias and agenda emerge more strongly than the bias he accuses Menchú of carrying. The difference is that she was there, struggling for justice alongside tens of thousands of others. (I hope he isn't denying that justice was needed, although some of his comments seem to indicate a belief that the opponents of the regime were just as bad as the regime itself.) Stoll, meanwhile, appears to be more comfortably situated, in a wingback chair, surrounded by dark panelling, books, and oriental rugs.

Hmmm. They say that the problem with political correctness is that it is impractical, removed from reality, biased, irrationally conclusory. I wonder about Stoll's "incorrigible incorrectness." It sounds just as bad as the worst "political correctness."

Second, Donald Beck's letter to the editor about the Alumni of Color weekend at Middlebury misses the point. "This lemminglike march to diversity and its accompanying lack of common sense," writes Beck, "has, in effect, made diversity synonymous with divisiveness. If we keep this up we will destroy every tradition that gives our society strength and purpose"

Hmmm, again. Perhaps Beck is able, writing from Ledyard, CT, to wash away centuries of racism with a new attitude. That's great for him, but racism is felt by people who he isn't. Racism still happens today, all over the place, right here in the United States. It will take decades or centuries for this nation to understand and address it. When privileged white people look down their noses on the "lemminglike march to diversity," they simply reinforce the fear and distrust held by people who aren't white.

A white person, who has had many years of NOT seeing his race treated badly, isn't threatened by an Alumni of Color meeting. It's not a threat when other people—like women or immigrants or people of color, for instance—get together and celebrate. Especially when they are doing it at Middlebury.

That's good for everyone. White folks and men might want to go, participate, enjoy new knowledge and friendships. It never hurts to learn more about other people. Middlebury, as I knew it, was a place to explore, learn, share, and grow. My view won't be changed by these two strange episodes of close-mindedness.

I'll keep recommending it to high school students who want to change the world or just get a good education. But I do hope this isn't a trend.
Ned Farquhar '80
Albuquerque, NM

Stanger's High Standards

Thank you for the article in your winter issue on Professor Stanger. She arrived at Middlebury after my freshman year, just in time for me to have the good fortune of being able to enjoy several of her classes. Then, as now, her rigor and excitement were contagious and drove students to excel. (Thankfully for me, however, my days at Middlebury preceded the advent of her assignments on the Internet.) But, after finishing the article, I did wonder that high standards such as Professor Stanger's should be thought so exceptional at Middlebury. If she stands out among her colleagues for this reason, that speaks well of her, but it also should goad them to reach for her level. From her example, they can know that for their troubles their students will reward them with deep respect and enduring gratitude.
C. Kevin Marshall '94
Alexandria, VA

Bourcier's Remarkable Books

I was saddened to learn of the death of Claude Bourcier, Professor Emeritus of French at Middlebury. The second summer I attended the French School, in 1981, I was poking around town and came upon a second-hand book store. Among the items for sale was a large group from the library of Monsieur Bourcier. I was told by the owner that he had been a professor at Middlebury and had moved to France. Knowing something about books and French literature—I was working for a rare book dealer at the time—I became quite excited by what I found. While many of these books were nice standard editions of the classics—Gide, Malraux, Baudelaire, et al.—a number were treasures. Many were inscribed by the author, including a book of verse by the great modern Canadian poet Anne Hebert. Prize of all prizes was a book by Blaise Cendrars with a special binding from the library of Harry and Caresse Crosby. The Crosbys were legendary expatriates who published some of the most important avant-garde literature of the first half of the century. The writing on the flyleaf of this book was mighty familiar: it was that of Lucien Goldschmidt, the dealer I was working for in New York! Monsieur Bourcier, it turned out, had been a customer over the years.
Carl Little, M.A. French '86
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each of which has flourished as a result of that investment in physical plant. When you are here for reunion, I hope you have a chance to see our investment in the natural sciences. Our new laboratory building, Bicentennial Hall, will set a new standard of excellence for liberal arts colleges. Last month, our Board of Trustees hired Gwathmey Siegel and Associates to design a major expansion of our library.

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Has Middlebury changed? Unquestionably. If it had remained as you remember it, we would be drifting into mediocrity. Yes, this is a premium college experience, but

as we have improved, we have also expanded the economic and racial diversity of students we serve, and have enlarged the reach of our financial aid program.

Lastly, you cited the parable of the ant and the grasshopper —"save for leaner times." While we have worked hard at saving, as witnessed by our endowment's success, we must live in the present and achieve our mission of educating responsible and thoughtful leaders. Further, saving for leaner times to me means making appropriate investments in our physical plant to maintain our lead in attracting students who themselves will help to advance awareness of Middlebury's growing prominence. An institution's success depends on stating its mission clearly, assuming an acceptable level of risk in initiatives, and then drawing attention to its offerings. This has been our strategy, and I am confident it is the right course for the College.

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May your reunion renew your affection for Middlebury. It's one of America's great educational treasures, and I want you to be part of its success.

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EDUCATED OPINION

Talk Isn't Cheap

By Linda Kite Canty '72

My roommate, Mrs. Marino, kept her light on late into the night. I heard television noise behind the divider curtain and her jerky movements in and out of the hospital bed. She shoved chairs out of the way, pacing the empty hallways, searching for a place to dump her anger. She had a total laryngectomy and a reputation on the floor. She would never talk again.

I never expected to feel lucky that my tumor was in my mouth and not in my vocal cords. I knew my tracheostomy would be removed in about 10 days and that I would have my voice back. I counted the days, wincing each time I thought about the cut in my throat. A constant, raspy breath rattled below my chin—as if someone else was breathing. I tried to focus on something else, but I always came back to the breath. A metal plate with a stubby tube had been fitted over the hole and held tightly in place by a length of ordinary white string, circling my neck like a hangman's noose.

When either of us pushed our call buttons for help, a hurried voice would ask, "Can I help you?" I would patiently push the button a second time, hoping to jog the nurse's memory that I, like Mrs. Marino, was mute. For Mrs. Marino, the nurse's words swirled in the air like a toreador's red cape. Taunted and enraged, she would grab a hairbrush or slipper and throw it like a hand grenade at the intercom above her head. We waited in silence for round two. After a short pause, an irritating voice crackled back, "OK—we'll send someone in shortly."

Mrs. Marino would check her watch and start the countdown. That was her drill. At the end of ten minutes, she would fling a bathrobe over her shoulders, Napoleon-style, and stop briefly at the foot of my bed to exchange poignant glances. I'd stare into her tired, determined face, seeing traces of the beautiful woman she must have been in earlier days. She was old enough to be my mother. With dark eyebrows arched and tangled hair flying in her face, she forged ahead, leaning into her IV pole like a foot soldier marching to the front line. Mrs. Marino was a lady with a mission. She wanted to be heard.

I never witnessed the commotion down the hall, but always imagined Mrs. Marino gesturing obscenely with both arms and hands, threatening the nurses behind the glassed-in station. She did get attention that way. After every episode, a young white-coated shrink would rush past the foot of my bed, never noticing the pain in my eyes. I was a good patient.

One day a nurse gave me a child's magic slate to write messages on. "Here you go, sweetheart. Just draw on the slate and lift the film to erase." There was a brightly colored cartoon at the top of mine: Sylvester the Cat nervously watching little Tweety Bird flex his muscles in front of a funhouse mirror. With eyes half open, I felt along the thin red string tied to the cardboard slate to find the plastic pencil dangling at the end. I felt like a child and wrote like a child; one word pleas for help—pain, hot, pee, suction. There wasn't a full sentence in me. Mrs. Marino had a thick spiral notebook and a dozen sharpened pencils.

Inspired by Mrs. Marino, I finally asked for my wedding rings. I didn't want them back for sentimental reasons, but so I could rap them on the cold metal bed railing to get the attention of doctors heading prematurely towards the door. I felt like a monkey in a cage, but loved the commanding sound of that loud, metallic rap, startling the nurses as they moved around our room. Mrs. Marino smiled approvingly.

During the day, the curtain divider in our room bulged with bodies. The hot-blooded Marino clan, straight from central casting, held court every day. They talked incessantly and simultaneously, reassuring Mrs. Marino she would soon be able to eat pizza

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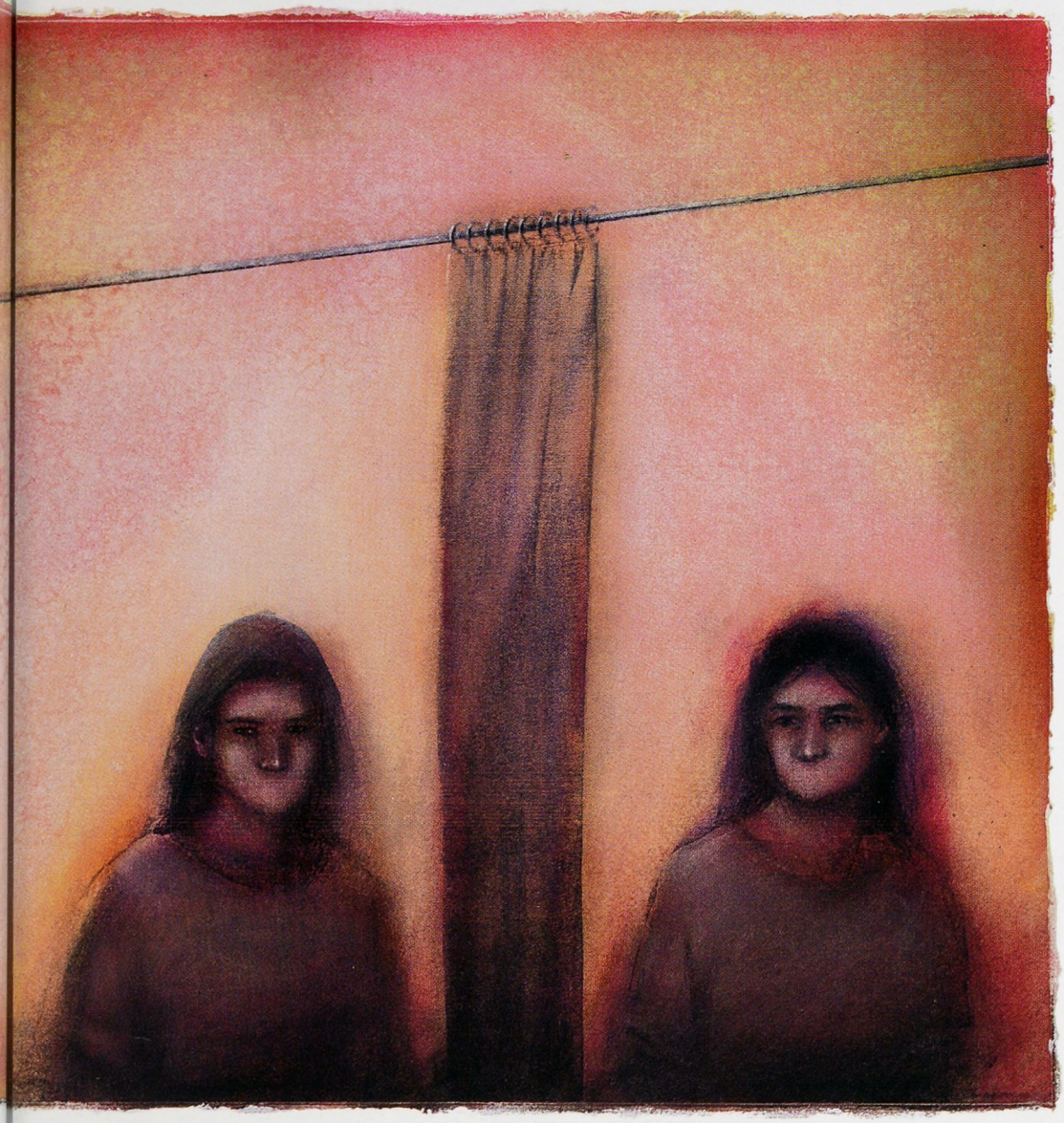

and homemade ziti and that there were ways she could learn to speak without a voice box. As they talked, one louder than the next, she wrote fast and furious, turning the pages in her thick spiral notebook. Then there was silence as the family strained to read her dark, angry scribble.

Mrs. Marino's phone was always ringing and deals were being made. Every afternoon her sons, Vinnie and Joey, would swagger through the doorway in their smart double-breasted Armani suits. Vinnie would grab the phone on the first ring. "Yeah, Joey'll be over tomorrow. Don't worry about it. OK?" Big screen drama unfolded daily behind the beige curtain that separated our beds. My husband entertained me by sketching caricatures of the steady procession of visitors: heavy women dressed in black, some with dark moles on their faces; shuffling old men with big noses and Godfather voices; young ambitious cousins with hairy chests and gold chains; loud, rambunctious grandchildren.

One night Vinnie made a scene. Enraged by what he perceived as the nurses' lack of attention to his mother, he pushed the call button and screamed, "Hurry, it's my Ma—she's turnin' blue." Within seconds, four nurses raced into our room, only to find Vinnie smirking, arms folded, feet spread apart. "See what it takes to get any service around here?" That night security escorted Vinnie out of the hospital. The next morning he quietly approached my bedside with a bouquet of pink carnations. "Listen, I'm sorry about last night. I didn't mean to bother you."

I was enthralled and exhausted by Mrs. Marino's Mediterranean dramas. The fair-haired daughter of a Baptist minister, I knew little about anger and venting, little about making demands. I was raised to be nice; to keep a stiff upper lip. Now that I literally had no voice, I longed for one. I both feared and admired Mrs. Marino.

Late one night I was choking on mucous. My hot skin was slippery from the sweat. Panicked and gasping for air, my fingers foraged the sheets for the elusive call button. I pumped the button, but there was no reply. I knew I was going to die. Then Mrs. Marino appeared from behind the curtain, like an angel folding me under her wings, softly stroking my head with her fingertips in the dimly lit room. Somehow, her silent lullaby hummed in my heart until I was calm. When it was over, she gently laid me back on the pillow. Then she scribbled on a page and held it near my face. "Don't worry. I'll take care of you now." From that night on Mrs. Marino insisted we sleep with the curtain drawn back.

Now that I think about it, her goodness was buried as deep as my anger. ■

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What a year for Midd lacrosse! The women's team won its second NCAA Championship in three years after a perfect 17-0 season, while the men's team made its first championship appearance.